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EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

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FROM March 22, 1967, until February 3, 1970, THE RING MAGAZINE maintained the position that Muhammad Ali was the heavyweight champion of the world. This was in spite of his being shorn of his title by all other boxing authorities in the United States.

On March 22, 1967, Ali fought his last fight. He knocked out Zora Folley in New York in 7 rounds and then became involved in the long drawn out squabble with Uncle Sam on his Armed Forces service, which culminated in his vindication. THE RING took the position that he was the champion until he either lost his title in the ring or had exhausted all the legal possibilities to establish his innocence.

Our stand was the right one, as events proved. On February 3, 1970, Ali informed THE RING that he was retiring and suggested that he give the winner of the Jimmy Ellis and Joe Frazier fight his belt, emblematic of the winner's being the universally recognized heavyweight champion of the world.

Ali was told that to do so would have no meaning, since with his retirement THE RING would recognize the winner of the Ellis-Frazier fight as the world title holder, and would give him a RING belt. Joe Frazier defeated Ellis and THE RING awarded him his belt.

THE RING is now faced with a similar situation. Ali has announced his retirement, but how definite is his intent? The last time Ali called it quits he returned to the ring wars some seven months after his retirement. Is he sincere in his announced retirement? Or is this a ploy to push promoters into offering a larger purse than Ali might get if he did not scare the "angels" into the possible loss of a good boxing meal ticket?

A recent statement by Ali maintains that "there is no confusing this retirement. It's all over."

If he sticks to this statement, THE RING will be forced to accept his retirement, and the heavyweight title will then be vacant. To give Ali time to ponder, THE RING will give him sixty days in which to make his final decision. If at the end of that period Ali still maintains that he is in retirement, we will consider his announcement as final and his title vacant.

THE RING will then recognize the winner of a fight pairing the two leading contenders. At this writing, they would be George Foreman and Ken Norton.

U.S. Boxing Tournament of Champions Executive Committee, from left to right: Kenneth Sherwood, Manuel A. Gonzalez, Nat Loubet, John Ort, and James A. Farley, Jr., (Chairman).

Noted sportscaster Howard Cosell will serve as commentator for the ABC telecasting of the tournament bouts.

PREVIEW:

U.S. BOXING TOURNEY OF CHAMPIONS

Promoter Don King, left, and RING MAGAZINE Editor and Publisher Nat Loubet, exhibit the U.S. Championship belt which RING MAGAZINE will award to the U.S. championship winner in each weight class.

By JOHN ORT

WE at THE RING would like to give our readers some insight into the fighters who may be in the U.S. Tournament of Champions, starting this winter on ABC TV, with Don King doing the promoting. There will be 56 fighters in eight divisions: heavyweight, light heavyweight, middleweight, junior middleweight, welterweight, junior welterweight, lightweight and featherweight.

Invitations were extended to over 100 boxers, 14 in each division. The final selection will be determined by those who accept the invitations, and are rated highest in THE RING's latest U.S. ratings.

Over the next seven pages we will give you a look at some who may be in the tournament.

Also given invitation but stories will not appear in this issue are: heavyweights George Foreman, Ken Norton, Duane Bobick and Ivar Arrington; light heavyweights Jessie Burnett and Tony Greene; middleweights Bennie Briscoe, Bobby Watts, Karl Vinson, Eugene Hart; junior middleweights Alvin Anderson, Anthony House, Ralph Palladin, Perry Abner, Emile Griffith, Joey Vincent, Ike Fluellan, Mel Dennis; welterweights Armando Muniz, Johnny Gant, Keith Averett, Andy Price,

(Continued on page 50)

BILLY BACKUS
SYRACUSE, N.Y. WELTERWEIGHT
Billy, a former world welterweight champion, is now on the comeback trail. He has won five in a row since his last defeat to Rocky Mattioli in Australia, on April 11, 1975, Melbourne. He won the world crown from Jose Napoles, December 3, 1970, lost same to Jose on June 4, 1971. Billy holds wins over Roger Zami, Pat Murphy, Angel Robinson Garcia and Percy Pugh.

LOU BIZZARRO
ERIE, PA. LIGHTWEIGHT
Lou, the younger brother of Johnny Bizzarro, turned pro in 1970. He was undefeated in his first 16 bouts then lost to lightweight king Roberto Duran in 14 rounds last may in Erie, Pa. Not a kayo puncher, Lou uses his good left jab and fast feet to win his bouts. Lou has defeated Benny Huertas, Beay Jaynes, Marion Thomas and Hector Matta.

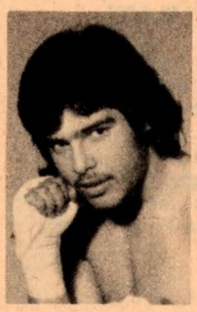
IRISH MIKE BAKER
WASHINGTON D.C. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Mike was the U.S. Junior Middleweight champion when the titles were withdrawn. He started boxing in 1973. He won eleven out of his first twelve bouts. Baker gained the title after Billy Backus moved back to the welterweight division. He defended the title four times, beating Willie Crockett, Paul Osborne, Gary Bailey and Charlie Fullard. This year his mark is 1-1.

JOHNNY "BLACK KNIGHT" BOUDREAUX
HOUSTON, TEXAS HEAVYWEIGHT
Boudreaux has a career mark of 17-1-1. A good boxer with a fast left jab and a sharp right hand, Johnny has only lost to another top ten heavy, Howard Smith, via split decision. Johnny also had a draw with Stan Ward, another top tener. He defeated Cookie Wallace, Tony Doyle and George Scrap Iron Johnson.

JOHNNY BALDWIN
HOUSTON, TEXAS MIDDLEWEIGHT
Johnny has a pro record of 30-1-1, scoring 20 kayo's. He knocked out 16 of his first 18. He started boxing in 1972 and lost only to Marvin Hagler in Boston, Mass., last year. Johnny, a southpaw, has beaten Ron Wilson, Roy Dale, Billy Marsh, Jimmy Rosette and Lamont Lovelady. Johnny has boxed a lot of light heavies since middleweights won't go near him.

IRISH BOBBY CASSIDY
LEVITTOWN, L.I., N.Y. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
The 32-year-old Bobby is a part-time actor when he's not boxing. Cassidy started his career in 1963 as a middleweight. He beat Isaac Logart, Bobby Bartels and Gil Diaz. He began to box as a light heavy in 1969, beating Don Fullmer, Tom Bethea, Jimmy Dupree and Juan Aguilar. Cassidy is a southpaw.

MIGUEL BARRETO
PUERTO RICO WELTERWEIGHT
Miguel has been around since 1965. He started as a lightweight and moved up to the junior welters. This year he made the jump into the world welterweight rankings with his upset win over Dominican Fausto Rodriguez in San Juan. Miguel, too, has had a hard time getting bouts. He has only gone to the post four times in three years, winning three.



RUBEN CASTILLO
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. FEATHERWEIGHT
This 18-year-old warrior has won 19 out of 19, scoring nine knockouts. He turned pro in early 1975. He has boxed mostly in Las Vegas, California, Texas and Arizona. Ruben beat Danny Stanado, Adrian Luna, Miguel Meza, Tony Alvarado, Roman Contreras, and won the Arizona State Feather title from Artemio Jeronimo.

TOM "THE BOMB" BETHEA
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Tom gained fame in the ring on March 13, 1970, when he scored a ten-round decision over the middleweight champ Nino Benvenuti. He lost a return go with Nino for the title two months later. He is now a light heavy. Tom holds wins over Billy Douglas, Avenmar Peralta, John Frankham, Lonnie Bennett, Domenico Adinolfi and Tom Bogs.

BIFF "THE TERROR" CLINE
HILLCREST HGTS., MD. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Biff is undefeated in 15 bouts, winning 13, all via the kayo route with one no contest. Twelve of the kayo's were in the first round. Cline's big punch is his left hook. He is always pressing the attack. He started his pro career in 1971. He is managed by his dad, Chris Cline, who managed the late Pappy Gault.

MIKE "THE COBRA" COLBERT
PORTLAND, ORE. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Another undefeated tiger is Mike Colbert, a good boxer with fast hands and a good punch. Many feel the best fighter in the U.S. below the heavyweights. He defeated Tony Licta, who had never lost in 40 or so bouts. Mike also defeated Vicente Medina, Rocky Mosley, Casey Gacic, Rudy Cruz and Karl Vinson. His record is 16-0-0, with three KO's.

JOHN "DINO" DENNIS
ATTLEBORO, MASS. HEAVYWEIGHT
After being undefeated in his first 28 bouts, Dino was halted by George Foreman. He was also held to a draw by Obie English. Dennis's mark is now 27-1-1, with 14 kayo's. John holds wins over Scott LeDoux, Terry Daniels, Tommy Kost, Mike Boswell and Jose Roman. He is a stand-up boxer with a good left who takes a hell of a shot.

ROY EDMONDS
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Roy is on the comeback trail, after being inactive since 1972. As a two-year pro he had a mark of 11-3-0, with 8 KO's. His only defeats were to former WBC middleweight champ Rodrigo Valdes and twice to ranked Bobby Watts. He holds wins over Luis Vinales, Jose Angalada, Nick Peoples and Luis Rivera.

RAY "THE BULL" ELSON
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Elson only lost once, and that to WBA light heavy king Victor Galindez in a non-title contest in Scranton, Pa. Ray's record is 13-1-1; 8 KO's. He turned pro in 1972, and won his first six before fighting a draw with Pedro Soto. He won his next five. Elson beat Tommy Hicks, Macka Foley and Dave Hilton.

ANGEL ESPADA
PUERTO RICO WELTERWEIGHT
Angel is an ex-WBA welter champ. He won this title in June of 1975, when Angel outpointed Canada's Clyde Gray to win the vacant title. He lost the crown to Jose Cuevas by KO on July 17, 1976. Angel has been a pro for nine years. Holds wins over Johnny Gant, Luis Acosta, Alvin Anderson and Jack Tillman.

MIKE EVERETT
PHILADELPHIA, PA. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
The brother of U.S. junior lightweight king Tyrone Everett. Started boxing in 1972, won five bouts before losing to Ronald Whymes and drawing with Oscar Piton. His record is 20-1-1 with 9 KO's. Mike holds wins over Norman Goins, Dale Hernandez, Miguel Barreto, Ronald Whymes, Tim Walker and Johnny Copeland.

TYRONE EVERETT
PHILADELPHIA, PA. FEATHERWEIGHT
Tyrone is still the U.S. junior lightweight king. He won this title from Sammy Goss, May 13, 1974. Everett defended the title twice, beating Ben Ortiz and Ray Lunny III. He is boxing for the WBC junior lightweight title as we go to press. If he is defeated in that quest, Everett will box as a featherweight in the U.S. tourney.

BOB FOSTER
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Bob retired as undefeated world light heavy champ September 16, 1974. An all-time great, Foster defended his crown 13 times. He boxed Joe Frazier for the heavyweight title and lost to Muhammad Ali. Bob started his comeback on June 28, 1975. He has won four out of four (three via kayo) against Al Bolden, twice, Bill Hardney and Harold Carter.

TONY "KAYO" GARDNER
MEMPHIS, TENN. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Tony has been boxing since 1969. He has engaged in 50 bouts, winning 42, scoring 35 KO's. He has been defeated 8 times. Tony once scored 19 straight KO's. He boxed Elisha Obed in early 1976 for the WBC junior middle title and was stopped. He has done most of his boxing in the Oklahoma City area.

WILFREDO GOMEZ
PUERTO RICO FEATHERWEIGHT
This undefeated killer is ranked No. 2 in the world bantam division. If he's to box in the tournament, Wilfredo must move up to the 126-pound division. Gomez has gone to the post 15 times winning all via kayos. He may pass the tourney to fight for the WBA superbantam title.

JIMMY HEAIR
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
Jimmy has been around since 1971. He won his first 33 bouts. Some of those wins: Angel Mayoral, Mike Mayan and Arturo Pineda. His first loss came at the hands of Rito Torres in 1974. After this, he beat guys like Rudy Hernandez, Laudial Negron, and lost to Nicolino Loche, Hector Thompson and Art Leon.

LARRY HOLMES
EASTON, PA. HEAVYWEIGHT
Undefeated, Larry has scored 22 straight wins, with 16 KO's. He has been inactive since the Roy Williams bout in Landover, Md., due to a busted thumb. Holmes holds wins over Fred Ashew, Charlie Green, Billy Joiner, Obie English and Rodney Bobick. Boxers to go the distance with him: Charlie James, Jerry Judge, Bob Bozic, Curtis Whitner, Rodell Dupree and Don Branch.

LEN HUTCHINS
DETROIT, MICH. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Len was the U.S. light heavyweight king when the titles were withdrawn. He won the title in 1973. Len defended the title five times, beating Harold Richardson, Robert Lloyd, Bobby Rascon, John Griffin and Terry Lee. Len boxed Victor Galindez for the vacant WBA title in Buenos Aires, and lost via a KO in the 13th round.

KEVIN ISAACS
BROOKLYN, N.Y. HEAVYWEIGHT
Kevin shocked the boxing world with his game effort against top heavyweight Ron Lyle on September 11, 1976. Kevin was ahead on points until he tired and was KO'd by Lyle in the seventh round. He has a record of only 8-4-1, with 3 KO's, but he's better than that mark. Holds wins over Greg Johnson, Rodell Dupree and Raul Gorosito.

VONZELL JOHNSON
KALAMAZOO, MICH. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
An undefeated boxer, Johnson is 11 out of 11. This is a tough trick for a boxer who is always boxing in the other guys' backyards. Started his career in 1974. Vonzell has defeated Joe Middleton, twice, George McGee, Sylvester Wilder and Eddie Owens. Not a big puncher, but can hurt you. A fine boxer.

RICHIE KATES
BRIGHTON, N.J. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Has to be the man to beat in the light heavy class. Richie has only lost twice in 34 bouts, stopped by Eddie Owens and Victor Galindez in his bid for the WBA light heavy crown. Many people felt he was ahead at the time of the kayo. Kates holds wins over Roger Rouse, Roger Russell, Don Fullmer and Len Hutchins.

RAY LAMPKIN
PORTLAND, ORE. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
Ray was the U.S. lightweight king when the titles were withdrawn. He has since moved up into the junior welter division. He boxed Roberto Duran for the world lightweight title on March 2, 1975, and was ahead on points for the first ten rounds. The Panamanian caught up with him and KO'd him in the 14th round. His career mark: 33-5-1, KO'ing 20.

TONY LICATA
NEW ORLEANS, LA. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Started boxing in 1969, record of 51-4-3, scoring 22 kayo's. He boxed Carlos Monzon for the world middle title in N.N. on June 30, 1976. He was KO'd by the champ in the tenth round. Formerly the U.S. champ, he lost to Mike Colbert in his native New Orleans.

ALVARO LOPEZ
STOCKTON, CALIF. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Just off a tough defeat at the hands of WBC light heavy king, John Conteh, England. A game fighter, who keeps on coming, Alvaro turned pro in 1972. He has scored wins over Al Bolden, Ron Wilson, Andy Kendall, Joe Cokes, Bobby Rascon, Mike Quarry and Jessie Burnett. Born May 21, 1951.

DAVID LOVE
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Gained the spotlight this year with a ten-round upset decision over Philadelphia's Willie Monroe in Willie's hometown. David also scored an upset win in South Africa over local champion Tap Tap Makhathini. Turned pro in 1970. He is known as a hot and cold fighter, who could upset anyone in the middleweight division.

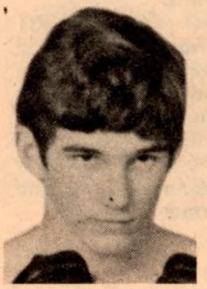
RAY LUNNY III
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. FEATHERWEIGHT
The son of a former great boxer, Ray Lunny. Turned pro in 1970 after a long amateur career. Ray was undefeated in his first 25 bouts, with 3 draws. His first loss was to Vilomar Fernandez. He recently was stopped by Alfredo Escalera in his quest for the WBC junior lightweight crown.

SAMMY NESMITH
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. MIDDLEWEIGHT
Sammy KO'd 10 of his first 12. He has only been defeated once, by Raul Aguirre. NeSmith's record is 15-1-0, with 12 KO's. For a baby, he has scored some good wins. Sammy has defeated Raul Aguirre in a return go, Gary Broughton, Willie Warren and Sammy Barr, who just boxed a draw with ex-junior middle king Elisha Obed.

RON LYLE
DENVER, COLO. HEAVYWEIGHT
A long-time top-rated heavyweight, Ron boxed Muhammad Ali for the heavy title back on May 16, 1975, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was ahead on points until he was TKO'd in the 11th. Lyle spent many years in prison, where he learned to box. He holds wins over Vicente Rondon, Larry Middleton, Jose Luis Garcia, Buster Mathis and Oscar Bonavena.

IRISH BOBBY O'BRIEN
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
The New York City policeman is now on the comeback trail as a light heavy. Bobby started his career in 1968 as a middleweight. He retired in 1972 after a record of 16-8-1. O'Brien returned to action in 1975 and has a record of 3-0 as a light. He has been in with names such as Donato Paduano, Nessim Cohen, Jose Chirino and Tony Licata.

SAOUL MAMBY
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
The 30-year-old Mamby started boxing in 1970. In 1974 his record was 13-7-4. His biggest claim to fame during that time was a draw with Edwin Viruet. Saoul then turned things around with wins over Chuck Wilburn, Percy Hayles and Nani Marrero. He boxed a draw with Harold Weston and lost a non-title nod to Roberto Duran.



SEAN O'GRADY
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. FEATHERWEIGHT
The son of promoter Pat O'Grady, Sean won his first 28 bouts, 25 of them via the kayo route. His only defeat was at the hands of U.S. featherweight king Danny Lopez in Los Angeles, Calif. Since then he has kayoed seven straight at press time. His total record is 33-1-0, 30 KO's.

FLOYD MAYWEATHER
KALAMAZOO, MICH. WELTERWEIGHT
Floyd has a career mark of 11-1-0, with 6 kayo's. Floyd turned pro in 1974. His only loss came in his bout against Tyrone Phelps. Mayweather beat Phelps in a return go two months later. Floyd is now boxing ten rounders, his last being a decision win over Andra Love.

RUBY "ANGEL" ORTIZ
BRONX, NEW YORK LIGHTWEIGHT
Another young boxer who doesn't have a big name yet. He hopes that the U.S. tournament will be his springboard to fame. Ruby has a record of 13-2-3, with 6 kayo's. Ortiz started boxing back in 1973. His biggest wins to date are Dan Daniels, Larry Stanton, Benito Vegga, Jose Resto and Wilson Yambo.

ROCKY MOSLEY, JR.
LAS VEGAS, NEV. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Rocky started boxing in 1975. His father Rocky, Sr., is still fighting. This is not like father like son. Junior is undefeated in 12 bouts, most in the Vegas area. He has scored wins over Pedro Garcia, Tony McDaniels, Al Foster, Rico Dincros and Ike Shipman. Shipman was undefeated when Rocky outpointed him.

TONY PETRONELLI
BROCKTON, MASS. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
The former U.S. junior welter king gave up the title to box for the world welter crown against Angel Espada. The bout never came off. Tony did box Wilfredo Benitez for the world junior welter crown and was defeated. His record is 34-2-1, with 19 KO's. Wins: Dale Hernandez, Gaetan Hart and Johnny Copeland.

IRISH MIKE QUARRY
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Mike is the younger brother of heavyweight Jerry Quarry. Mike has been a pro since 1969. Born May 5, 1951, he won his first 36 fights before being KO'd by Bob Foster in a bid for the world light heavy title. Holds wins over Ray White, Andy Kendall and Mike Rossman. At press time, boxing Tom Bethea.

PETE RANZANY
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. WELTERWEIGHT
The most feared man in the welter ranks. Rated No. 1 in THE RING world ratings. Has lost only one bout back in 1974 to Jimmy Jackson, who he beat twice after that. Started boxing in 1973, has beaten Renato Garcia, Ruben Vasquez, Rudy Barro, Keith Averett, Adolph Viruet, Alfonso Hayman and Benny Huertas.

TOMMY ROSE
SHERBORN, MASS. LIGHTWEIGHT
One of the brightest prospects in the New England area, Tommy won his first 18 bouts, 9 via the KO route, before losing to Vinnie DeBarros for the New England lightweight title in a close contest. Known as a boxer-puncher, he has beaten Dan Tratzinski, Bobby Richards, Bobby Castaneda and Pablo Melendez.

EDGAR "MAD DOG" ROSS
ORLANDO, FLA. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Edgar has a great record of 35-1-1, with 26 KO's in three years of boxing. He holds the Southern junior middle crown. Boxing mostly in the Orlando, Fla., area, Ross is a big banger, who has a chance to beat anyone he's in with. Edgar's wins: Eddie Davis, Sammy Ruckard, Alfonso Aguirre and Tim Ford.

MIKE "JEWISH BOMBER" ROSSMAN
TURNESVILLE, N.J. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
Mike started boxing in 1973. He won his first 21, then was halted by Mike Nixon, who Rossman KO'd in a return bout. His other losses were to Mike Quarry and Tony Licata. He has beaten Christy Elliott, Matt Donovan, Harold Richardson, Mike Baker, John Pinney and Gene Wells.

LEO "THE KID" SAENZ
BALTIMORE, MD. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Undefeated in his first 22 bouts, Saenz is a tough puncher who comes at you all the time. Leo's mark, 23-2-1, scoring 14 KO's. Won and lost to Mike Baker, both non-title bouts. Beat Bruce Cantrell, Pablo Rodriguez, Jose Angalada, Jimmy Redford and Dave Ditmar. The only other defeat on his record was a decision to Emile Griffith.

SUGAR RAY SEALES
TACOMA, WASH. MIDDLEWEIGHT
The 1972 Olympic gold winner in the light welter division. He won his first 20 as a pro. His career mark is 30-2-1, with 15 KO's. A southpaw with a hard style to deal with. Lost only to Eugene Hart and Marvin Hagler. Some wins: Renato Garcia, Rico Hoye, and George Cooper.

WALTER "THE FIGHTING LEPRECHAUN" SEELEY
SAYVILLE, L.I., N.Y. FEATHERWEIGHT
Walter, ranked in the top ten in the world junior lightweight division, will have to make weight for the U.S. tournament. Walter's record for 13 years of boxing, 27-4-3. He was inactive from 1965-1967 and 1969. Some of Walter's wins: Vilomar Fernandez, Hyun Kim, David Vasquez and Jose Fernandez.

EARNIE SHAVERS
WARREN, OHIO HEAVYWEIGHT
Earnie has KO'd 50 of his 52 wins, with 5 losses. Born August 31, 1945, in Garland, Ala., Earnie turned pro after winning the 1969 AAU heavy title. He holds wins over Jimmy Young, Jimmy Ellis, Vicente Rondon, Pat Duncan, Ted Gullick, Henry Clark twice, and Elmo Henderson. His defeats were to Jerry Quarry, Ron Lyle, Ron Stander, Bob Stallings and Stan Johnson.

RANDY SHIELDS
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT
The 1973 National Golden Gloves lightweight champion turned pro in 1974. His career record at press time is 26-2-0, 14 KO's. He is boxing former U.S. lightweight champ Ray Lampkin as we go to press. Randy's only defeats were at the hands of Vicente Saldivar. He has beaten Miguel Mayan, Arturo Pineda and Art Leon.

HOWARD SMITH
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. HEAVYWEIGHT
Howard has a mark of 16-1-1, scoring 10 kayo's. Turned pro in 1971. Lost his only bout in 1972 to Henry Culpepper, a six-round decision. Since then he has won 13 straight. Smith is a tall heavyweight with a good right hand. Howard has beaten Jack O'Halloran, Dan Johnson, Tony Doyle, Raul Gorosito and Johnny Boudreaux.

HILBERT STEVENSON
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. FEATHERWEIGHT
Hilbert is a fine boxer with a good left hook. He holds the Southern Jr. lightweight title. For the tournament he will have to get down to the featherweight limit. Boxed many times against lights and welters, unable to get bouts in his own division. Scored wins over Donald Norwood, Rondell Stephens and Ray Hall.

WILLIE TAYLOR
BROOKLYN, N.Y. LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT
A tough banger who presses all the time. Started boxing in 1972; record of 10-4-3, 6 KO's. Lost a ten round nod to WBC light heavy king John Conteh in Scranton, Pa., in a non-title match. Has done well in Europe, drawing with Aldo Taversaro, Victor Attivor and beaten Domenico Adinolfi.

DAVID VASQUEZ
NEW YORK, N.Y. FEATHERWEIGHT
Once a world rated bantam, David will fight as a feather in the tournament. He twice boxed WBA bantamweight king Enrique Pinder, of Panama, losing by 12-round nods. Vasquez was also defeated in his bid for the U.S. bantam title by Francisco Villegas.

EDWIN VIRUET
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. LIGHTWEIGHT
Edwin has a pro record of 23-2-2, with seven KO's. Viruet is not a big puncher, but is one of the best boxers in the world today. He boxed world lightweight king Roberto Duran and lost a close ten-round decision in a non-title bout. Edwin defeated Vilomar Fernandez, Nestor Rojas and Alfredo Escalera.

STAN WARD
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. HEAVYWEIGHT
Stan is rated in the top ten in the world ratings, with only 8 pro bouts. He turned pro in 1974, and in his third pro bout boxed an eight round draw with world ranked Johnny Boudreaux. Stan also boxed a draw with Pat Duncan, and became a hero when he came from behind to kayo Jeff Merritt. Record is 6-0-2, 4 KO's.

MAURICE "TERMITE" WATKINS
HOUSTON, TEXAS LIGHTWEIGHT
Won the 1973 National Golden Gloves lightweight championship. Had an amateur record of 112-10-1. Began a pro career in 1974. Maurice's record is 31-1-0, with 18 KO's. His only loss was to Nani Marrero in a Jr. welter match. Has defeated Juan Hidalgo, Valentin Ramos, Nick Alfaro, Gene Prado and Art Leon.

GENE WELLS
MOBILE, ALA. JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT
Began boxing in 1961, was inactive from 1963-1964 and 1969-1972. It wasn't until 1974 when he moved to Orlando, Fla., that his career took an upward swing. Gene lost to Elisha Obed, Tony Licata, twice, once for the U.S. middleweight title. His record 48-8-3, 18 kayo's.

CHUCK WEPNER
BAYONNE, N.J. HEAVYWEIGHT
A big guy who will give you a 100% in the ring. Not a great banger, but will hit you from any spot in the ring. His record since 1964: 33-11-2, 15 kayo's. Has boxed George Foreman, Sonny Liston, Joe Bugner, Muhammad Ali, Ernie Terrell, Randy Neumann, Manuel Ramos and Duane Bobick.

HAROLD WESTON
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. WELTERWEIGHT
Started boxing in 1970, never gaining much press. People first stood up to notice him in 1973, when he halted Vito Antuofermo in five. Harold drew with Johnny Gant, Hedgemon Lewis, and Saoul Mamby. He holds wins over Rocky Mattioli, Rafael Rodriguez and Papo Villa. Career mark 20-6-4, 5 knockouts.

JIMMY YOUNG
PHILADELPHIA, PA. HEAVYWEIGHT
As we go to press Jimmy is boxing a rematch with Ron Lyle. His record 19-4-2, 7 kayo's. His biggest claim to fame was in his bid to win the world heavy title from Ali, in Landover, Md. He lost a controversial 15-round decision. Other wins: Obie English, Jose Luis Garcia and Jose Roman.

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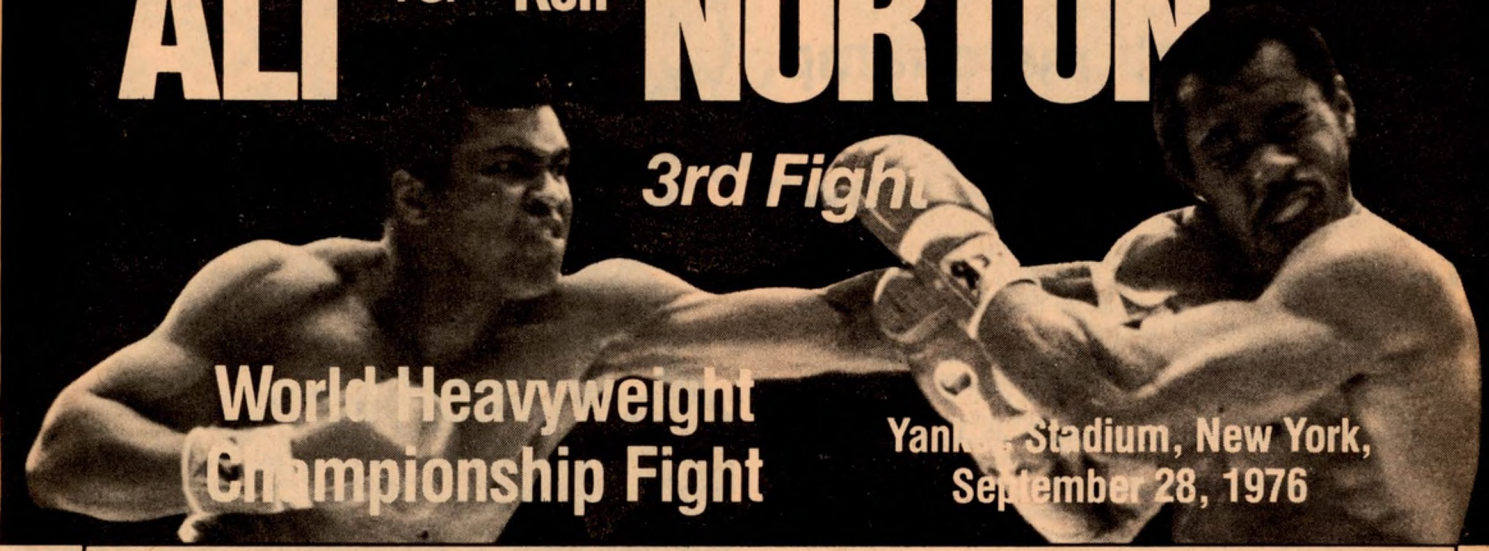

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"I AM KING!"

By KEN NORTON

"People call me champ, but it doesn't mean a thing without the crown."

I know I beat Muhammad Ali! Ali knows I beat him! But the officials didn't see it that way. I think the majority of people in this world who saw the fight, feel that I'm the rightful champion.

Since the fight, everywhere I go, people call me "champ." It feels good to hear them say it, but it doesn't mean a thing without the crown.

I really don't know what Ali is going to do. I wish he would vindicate himself and meet me again. I'm anxious to prove to everyone that I should be wearing the crown.

It doesn't make any sense for me to cry over spilled milk. They're not going to reverse the decision that robbed me of the right to be called—"Champ."

I have no animosity for Ali whatsoever. He fought. He didn't call the decision.

I want that crown. If I have to meet George Foreman for the title if Ali holds true to his retirement statement—then that's what I'll do.

There aren't any other two boxers in the division outside of Foreman and myself who have the right to meet for the vacated title. We've earned that right.

There are a lot of people who don't think that I could ever beat Foreman after our title fight in Caracas, Venezuela. I was stopped in two rounds and have no excuses. That night George Foreman was the better man. The next time it will be different.

There really isn't any excuse for losing when you get stopped.

Ken Norton is seen in a cut from the movie "Drum," in which Ken portrays a slave boy who wants to become a prize fighter during pre-Civil War days. In real life, the championship contender plans on getting the heavyweight crown.

(Left) Ken Norton sags to the canvas after being belted by then heavyweight champ George Foreman in the second and final round of their March 26, 1974, title bout in Caracas. (Right) Norton, left, and heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali exchange blows in their third controversial bout at Yankee stadium this year, in which Ali won by unanimous decision. Ali and Foreman are the only two fighters to have beaten Ken since 1970.

George Foreman tried making a million excuses as to why he was knocked out by Ali in Zaire, Africa, in the eighth round. He said the ropes were loose. He said the padding was soft. He said he was doped. He said the referee miscounted. He said his corner gave him bad advice. Right now, today, George Foreman realizes the bitter truth and is now smart enough to admit it. That night in Africa, Muhammad Ali was the better man. Maybe the next time it would have been a different story.

How do you figure boxing? I beat Ali three times. Ali owned Foreman. And Foreman beat me. That doesn't mean that the next time Foreman met Ali, Foreman wouldn't have beaten Muhammad. It also doesn't mean that Foreman will beat me when we meet again.

I know that I can beat George Foreman. I will prove it when we step into the ring. I always said that I wanted to meet Foreman after I won the title. Not all of the people around me shared my desires, but they knew I would meet him. He gave me a shot, and I owed him a shot in return. He also earned that right to get a title shot.

There was a time when Madison Square Garden offered Foreman and myself $50-0,000 apiece to meet after I beat Quarry. George declined. I then said that I would fight George in a winner-take-all match for the $1,000,000. Again, Foreman turned it down. So there hasn't been a reluctance on my part to meet Foreman. It's been the other way around.

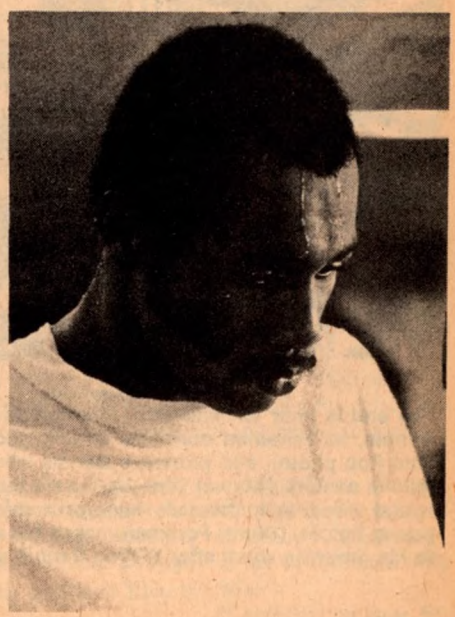
If Ali has in fact retired, Foreman and I should meet as soon as possible to determine who the rightful champion should be. In my heart, I know that I should really be the champion today as I write this. And Foreman is the logical number one contender. If Ali changes his mind and decides to fight again, I don't see how he could meet anyone but me. He's just a paper champion until he meets me again. I don't think the fans would buy him again if he met anyone else but me. Then when I beat Ali again, but this time without any question whatsoever, I'll defend against George Foreman.

The amiable Ken Norton has often been accused of not having the "killer instinct" which makes great champions, but Ken says, "Until I get that crown I'm going to remain an angry man . . . I pity anyone between me and that title now." (Right) Ken thinks about the future.

I'll get that crown! I'm more determined than ever now. At first after the fight with Ali, I was so disgusted with boxing that I wanted to quit. But after the initial shock wore off, I just became angry. It's that anger that's given me more determination that ever before.

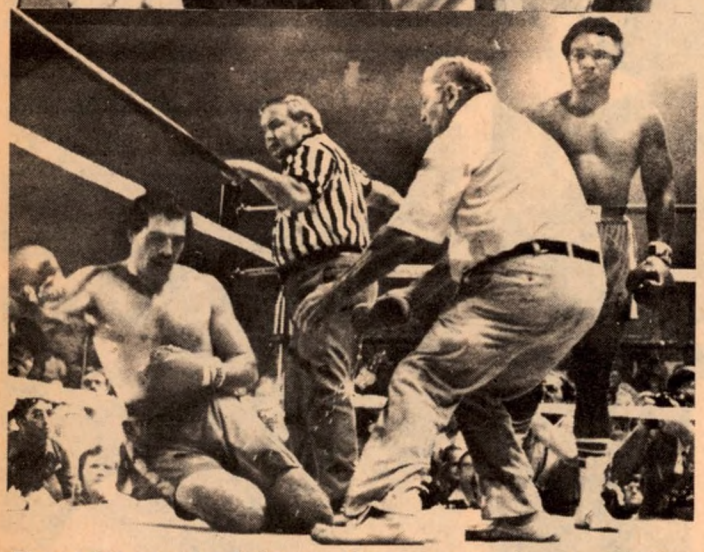
Until I get that crown I'm going to remain an angry man. Maybe that's just what I needed. People used to say that I lacked that "killer instinct." Well I pity anyone between me and that title now. I've tasted it, and have had it taken from my lips. I had the joy of victory and the agony of defeat thrown at me within a minute between the final bell and the decision announcement in Yankee Stadium.

I'll never feel that agony again. It hurts too much. I'll get that crown! I'm the rightful owner.



FOREMAN AND DURAN KO OUTCLASSED OPPONENTS

By JOHN ORT



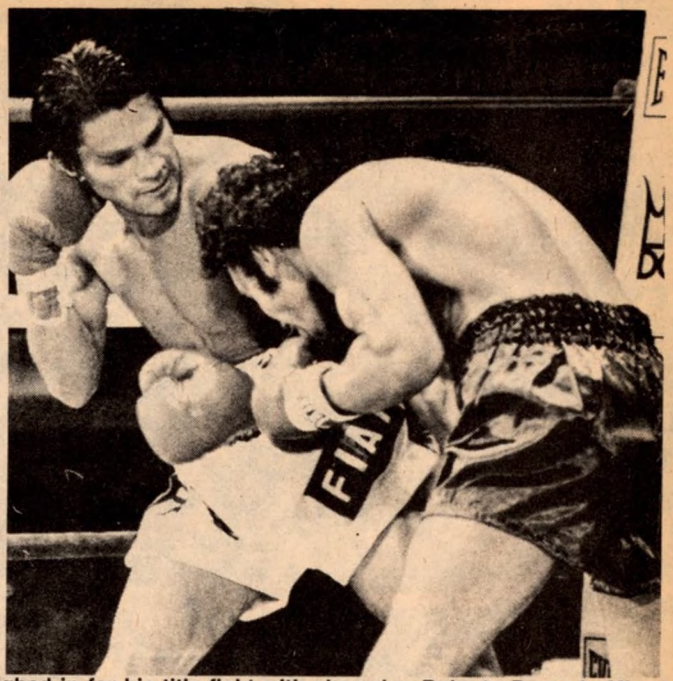
The end is near for Attleboro, Massachusetts, heavyweight Dino Dennis, as Foreman connects with a good solid left to Dino's chin (top photo), and pummels Dennis into the ropes in a corner (above center). (Above) Dino hangs on the ropes at the close of round three, with Dennis's handler rushing to revive the game young fighter. (Right) Foreman makes his way through the crowd to his dressing room after KO'ing Dennis at 2:25 of round 4.

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA — George Foreman came out a big winner with a four-round TKO over a game Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Massachusetts. On the same card was world lightweight king Roberto Duran, Panama, who kayoed an inept boxer from Costa Rica by the name of Alvaro Rojas, in less than one round.

George initially had a tough time against the undefeated Dennis. Dino, 215, 16½ pounds lighter than Foreman, used his good speed and fast hands to win the first two rounds on my card. He jabbed and scored with fast combos to the face of the ex-heavyweight champion. Dennis moved from right to left, never bending or going straight back, which George tries to force his opponents to do. At the end of the third round, Dino slipped to the floor. This was the only time either fighter was on the deck.

In the third round Foreman took control of the bout. He started to land heavy punches to the body of Dino. He also landed a good ebow and held Dino with one hand to pull him down into the famous Foreman upper-cut. At the end of the round George tagged Dennis with a good left hook which hurt the New England tiger.

Round four proved to be the end for Dennis. Foreman came out for the kill, landing his heavy punches to the head and body. He opened a cut over Dino's right eye and one under the left. Dino



(Above left) Lightweight challenger Alvaro Rojas, of Costa Rica, is weighed in for his title fight with champion Roberto Duran in Miami. (Above right) Duran batters a completely mismatched Rojas in the corner in the first and only round of the fight.

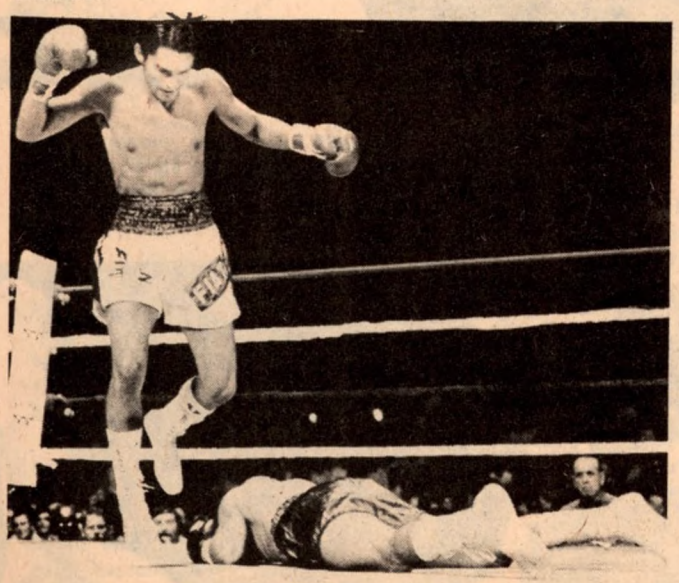
was getting tagged and punched from one side of the ring to the other, on the ropes all the time.

Every time it looked like referee Jay Edson was going to halt the contest, Dennis would manage to throw a few punches. His second, Al Braverman, was on the ring steps throwing water from a sponge to keep his fighter fresh. The referee halted the bout at 2:25 of the round.

After the bout Dino stated, "I choked. I just lost my head. He wasn't that good a puncher. He had Norton and Frazier down, but he couldn't put me on the deck."

Manager Al Braverman stated that his fighter had a bad ankle for the last four days and he couldn't move well enough to keep out of the way of Foreman's big guns.

Dennis showed a lot of heart and a style that could beat a Foreman if Dino were a stronger fighter, physically. For Dino there will be a future, and a bright one at that. He's still a baby, by boxing standards.



Duran hops over the fallen Rojas, who was counted out at 2:17 of round one. The fast and hard-hitting champ hardly had time to work up a sweat as he pounded Rojas into submission.

In big bad George's dressing room he stated, "This guy was a tough dude. I asked the referee to stop the fight and the next thing I know Dennis is swinging at me."

Pressed to make a comment on the Ali retirement, George would not even mention his name. He said, "I'm going to stay generally active. There are enough heavyweights around. Everybody keeps saying one name, one name. My goodness, I hope nothing happens to the guy until there are a couple of other names around."

Asked if the name he meant was Norton, Foreman stated, "I know who I mean, and you all know who I mean." Foreman went on, "I have two goals. One is to get revenge on the only defeat I have suffered, and the other is to become champion of the world again." Asked if that meant that he has to meet Ali, he stated, "I ain't concentrating on one guy. If I do, then next thing you know, he's gone fishing. I'm on the express to the heavyweight championship."

Foreman got over $700,000, while Dennis's end was over $10-0,000.

A crowd of 6,100 paid over $100,000 to see the kayo double-bill.

What can one say about the Duran-Rojas bout that would be kind? Nothing! This was a gross mismatch. Not by the promoters Don King and Chris Dundee, but by the so-called World Boxing Association. How could they put this poor Central American boy in against one of the all-time great lightweight champions? Duran didn't work up a sweat as he killed the little Costa Rican with a right-cross at 2:17 of round one. Taking money for a bout like this is a major crime against the poor boxing fan, who pays his hard dollar to support the game.

Duran received $125,000 for this laugher, while the lamb got $15,000.

It's not easy to get anyone to fight Duran, but the WBA, which is based in Panama, the home of Duran, can surely do better than Rojas. What's wrong with Edwin Viruet, Vicente Saldivar, Vilomar Fernandez or WBC king DeJesus? By the by, after the knockout Duran spotted DeJesus at ringside and yelled to him, "I want you next."

In the dressing room after Duran's bout, Carlos Eleta, Duran's manager, hurried to give Roberto an ice cream cone. He said, "I told Roberto not to worry about the title, but about the ice cream. It worked." Eleta also said that he hopes to set up a match with DeJesus in either Miami or Puerto Rico this March.

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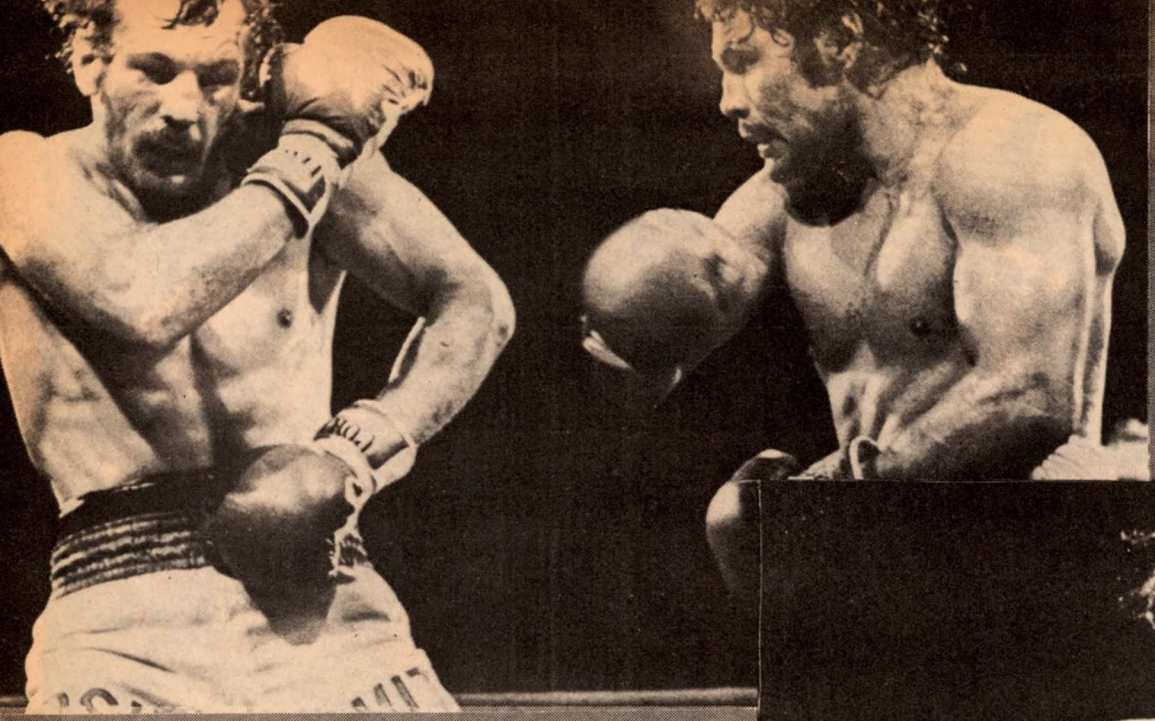

(Left) WBA light heavyweight champ Victor Galindez, of Argentina, bores in on Kosie Smith, of South Africa, during their Johannesburg fight. (Below) Smith pounds Galindez in round four, Smith's biggest round.

VICTOR GALINDEZ COPS NOD OVER JOBURG'S SMITH

By HOWARD WHITE

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — WBA light heavyweight king Victor Galindez won a unanimous 15-round decision over local Kosie Smith at Rand Stadium.

Smith got his shot at the title held by Galindez by being beaten in South Africa by Len Hutchins and drawing with Gary Summerhayes. Smith's career stands 21-15-1, with losses to Rudgier Schmidtke, Jan Lubbers, twice to Karl Zurheide, five times to Sarel Aucamp, Eddie Avoth, Dave Hawkes, Giulio Rinaldi and Able Marais. He does have some wins of note: John Griffin, John Frankham and Eddie Owens, among them.

Thanks to the big money in South Africa, fellows like Kosie Smith get shots at titles, while men like Hutchins, Burnett and Richie Kates have to wait for the WBA to force the issue. Where were they when this match was made?

Galindez must live right. This is his fourth appearance in South Africa. He twice beat local Pierre Fourie, and stopped Richie Kates before this bout with Smith. Victor won the WBA title on December 18, 1971, when he halted Len Hutchins in 13 rounds in

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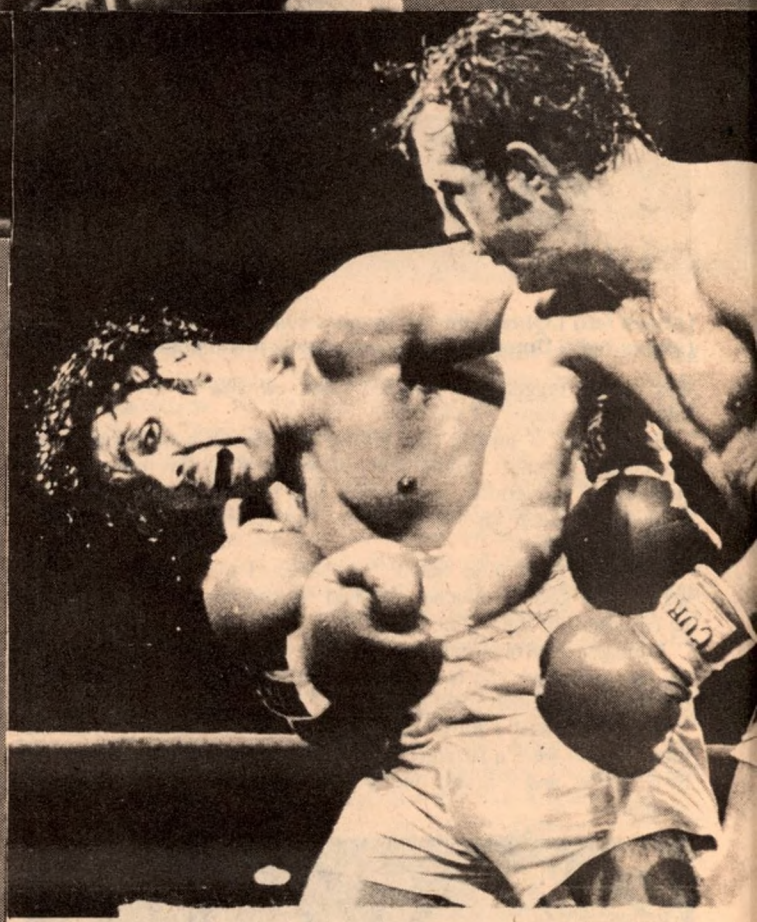

(Below) Galindez is declared unanimous winner of the fifteen round championship bout. Galindez stated after the fight that he would like to meet England's John Conteh, the WBC's recognized light heavyweight king.

(Above) World Jr. lightweight champ Ben Villaflor, left, lost his title to Samuel Serrano, right, when Serrano was awarded a unanimous 15-round decision. (Right) Jr. welter king Wilfredo Benitez delivers the third round KO blow to Tony Petronelli.

Benitez Wins, Villaflor Loses in San Juan Double Feature

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO **Photos by Paquito Rivera**

HIRAM Bithorn Stadium — San Juan, Puerto Rico — Fast stepping Samuel Serrano made it look easy in taking a unanimous fifteen-round decision over Ben Villaflor to cop the WBA junior lightweight title.

Serrano showed Villaflor who was the boss when a left-right combination surprised the Filipino titleholder at the sound of the opening gong.

The elongated Serrano had too much style, speed and reach for his heavier-fisted rival. Villaflor, on the other hand, failed to put enough of his heavy artillery together for a concentrated attack. His combinations were limited to two or three effective blows at a time, but with limited frequency.

He lost the first two rounds, gained some ground in the third, but looked like he might be an eventual kayo victim in the fourth when Serrano shook him up twice with right-hand shots to the head.

But Serrano did not have the punching prowess to make a knockout possible. He scored with ease, and was even effective with right-hand leads that produced a cut over Villaflor's left eye in the fifth.

The tempo of the fight did not change much from here to the end. Serrano always carried the attack against his ever-aggresive opponent. Villaflor's best chance seemed to be to bide his time until the Puerto Rican became careless, got tired, or gave him more punching room, but this never materialized. On the contrary, Serrano was punching more effectively and moving with greater speed in the closing rounds of the bout.

The official scoring is the best indication of the decisiveness of the fracas. Martin Denkin, of Los Angeles, scored it 147-141; Rafael Herrera, of Panama, 147-139; while referee Stanley Christodoulou had it 146-142. Nobody gave Villaflor more than four rounds, with judge Herrera's scoring of 11-3-1 being the closest to the truth. Imported for this encounter from South Africa, referee Christodoulou performed a most commendable job.

Villaflor, who had to pay an emergency visit to the hospital because of a mouth hemorrhage, was making his eighth defense of the title. His record now stands at 5-3-5-4, while Serrano's improves to 30-2-1.

With this victory Puerto Rico now controls both the WBA and WBC titles in this division and has four recognized champions: junior welter WBA champ Wilfredo Benitez, WBC lightweight titleholder Esteban de Jesus, plus the above named Junior lightweight champions. RING recognition is given to both Benitez and Serrano.

The day after the fight Villaflor stated, "Serrano had too much height for me. I tried to go for a knockout, but he certainly has improved from our last outing." Contrary to rumors that indicate Villaflor is now going to retire, the ex-champ says he would like to engage in a couple of tune-up matches, and then take another chance at Serrano.

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World bantamweight champion Alfonso Zamora

By JOHNG BYUNG SOON

Zamora Halts Hong

Koreans riot when contest stopped in round 12

INCHON, SOUTH KOREA — Mexico's Alfonso Zamora remained the undefeated world bantamweight champion when he halted South Korea's former champion, Hong Soo-Hwan, in the twelfth round.

Zamora, making his fifth defense of the crown, pressed the Korean for the first eleven rounds, landing good hooks to the body and head. Soo, a southpaw, kept out of reach most of the time, using his height and reach to outbox the champion.

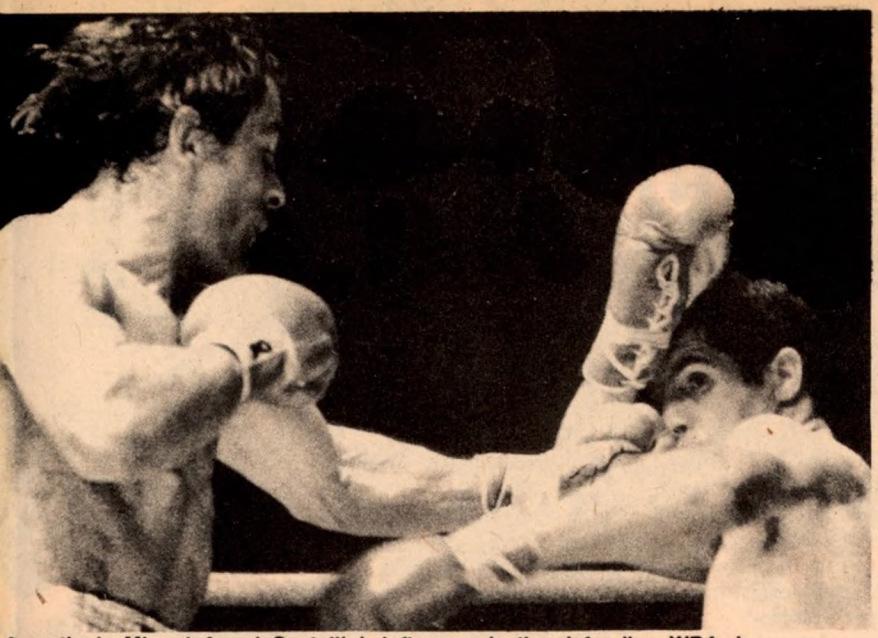
A big controversy erupted in the twelfth when referee Octavio Meiran stopped the contest. Alfonso was pounding the Korean against the ropes with rapid combos. Hong did not return any punches, so the contest was halted at 2:50 of the round.

Hong's seconds jumped into the ring and protested the decision of the referee, causing the fans to get upset and start to charge the ring. The seconds stated that Hong was on the defensive, and he was still strong enough to continue the fight.

A crowd of over 15,000 were held off by a mere two dozen policemen. Several angry fans managed to get into the ring to protest, but the police protected the referee.

Zamora, 117¾, would like to box ex-sparring partner Carlos Zarate, the WBC champion. Hong, 117¼, hopes for a third match with Zamora, to whom he lost the title in 1975.

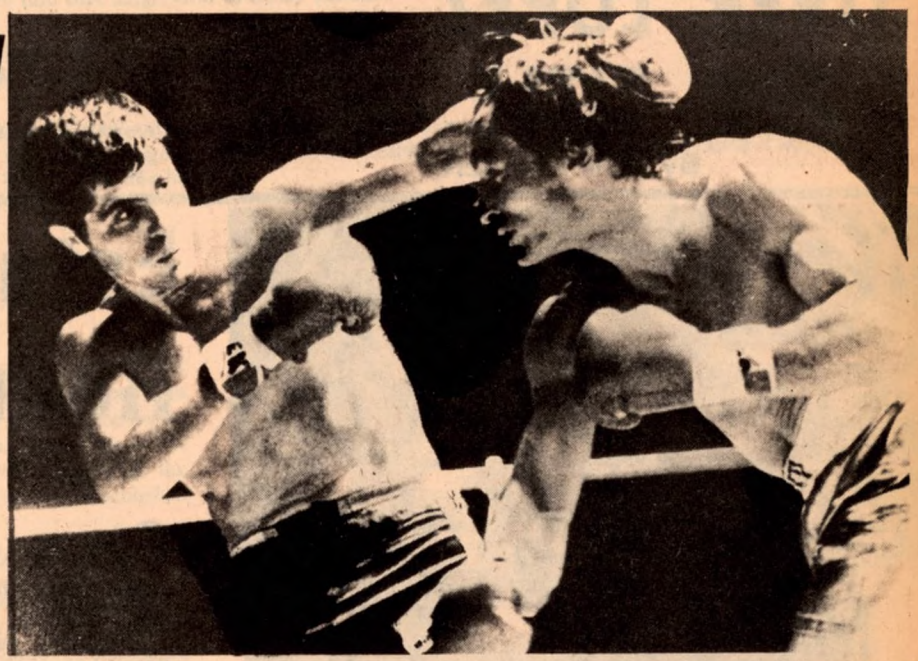
Mexico's Zamora flics a left at Korea's Hong Soo Hwan in the course of their Inchon title bout. When the referee stopped the fight in round 12, Hong looked defenseless, but his seconds protested the stoppage.



Argentina's Miguel Angel Castellini, left, pounds the defending WBA Jr. middle king, Spain's Jose Duran, into a corner during the second round of their Madrid title fight.

Ecstatic fans carry the new WBA Jr. middle champ, Castellini, from the ring after it was announced that he had beaten Jose Duran on points.

WBA Gets New Jr. Middle Champion: Castellini



By MARIO A. GRU

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA — Although many have misgivings over the outcome of the fight held recently in Madrid, Spain, for the world championship, the real thing is that the new world champion of the junior middleweight category (WBA) is Argentine Miguel Angel Castellini.

The crown held by Jose Duran didn't stay in his hands long. He lost it in his first confrontation for the title.

After Castellini's arrival in Buenos Aires, where he was granted a big victor's welcome, he made his statements to the press waiting at the Ezeiza's International Airport. His answers showed an immensely happy man, who has reached and is thoroughly enjoying the top moment in his life. He is still a modest guy, in short, someone who hasn't yet wholly grasped the fact that he is world

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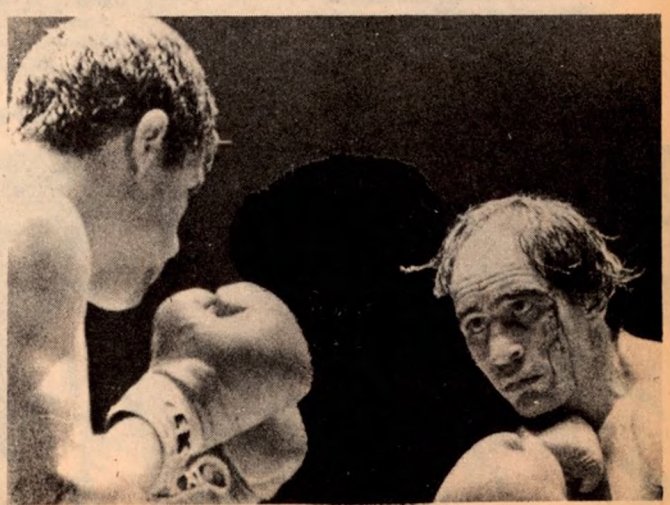
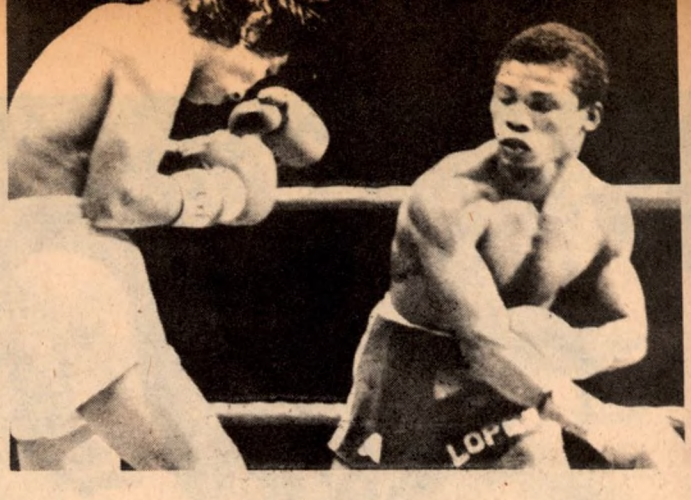


(Above) Duran, left, and Castellini trade punches in the course of the bout. (Right) Duran and Castellini, who is bleeding from his left eyebrow, square off at the beginning of a round.



(Left) Mexico's Guty Espadas absorbs a right thrown by WBA flyweight champ Alfonso Lopez, Panama, during their Los Angeles title bout. (Right) Lopez scores a right cross against challenger Espadas. Lopez knocked out Espadas knocked out Lopez in round thirteen to win the WBA title.

ESPADAS WINS UPSET KO OVER LOPEZ FOR TITLE

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES — The World Boxing Association flyweight title changed hands in dramatic fashion at the Sports Arena.

Heavy underdog, Guty Espadas, of Yucatan, Mexico, roared back to knock out defending title holder Alfonso Lopez, of Panama, in the thirteenth round.

Espadas was far behind when the twelfth round started.

The pint-sized Mexican floored Lopez twice with crackling right-hand wallops. The bell came to Lopez's rescue.

Espadas was determined not to let the Panamanian off the hook, and waded in as the thirteenth round started. He dumped Lopez with a left. He then scored a second knockdown with another vicious left, and when Lopez got to his feet, his legs were made of rubber.

Another series of lefts-rights sent him to the canvas, and at this point, referee Rudy Jordan signaled the end.

Mexico now commands the little divisions, as Miguel Canto is the WBC flyweight king and fellow Mexicans Carlos Zarate (WBC) and Alfonso Zamora (WBA) are bantam monarchs.

Lopez seemed well on his way to his twenty-sixth consecutive victory without a loss with his clever counter punching going into the twelfth.

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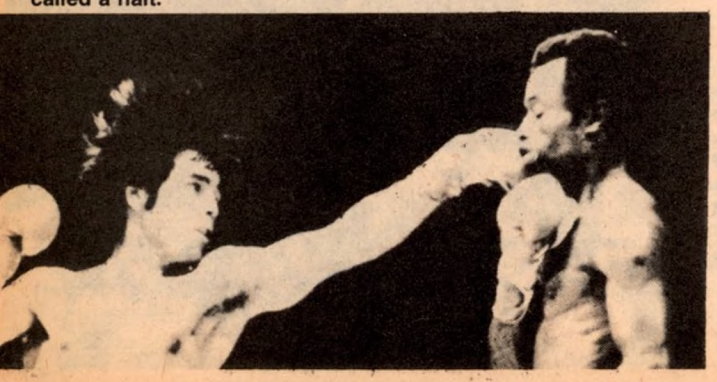


(Above) Venezuela's Luis Estaba, the WBC's Jr. fly champ, connects with a solid right to the head of Argentina's Rodolfo Rodriguez. (Below) Rodriguez tags Estaba with a long left. The Caracas title bout went to ten rounds before Rodriguez' manager called a halt.

Estaba Outguns Rodriguez in 10

By RON TEGART

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — 35 year old Luis Estaba, Venezuela, retained his WBC junior flyweight title with a TKO victory over Argentina's Rodolfo Rodriguez, in the tenth round.

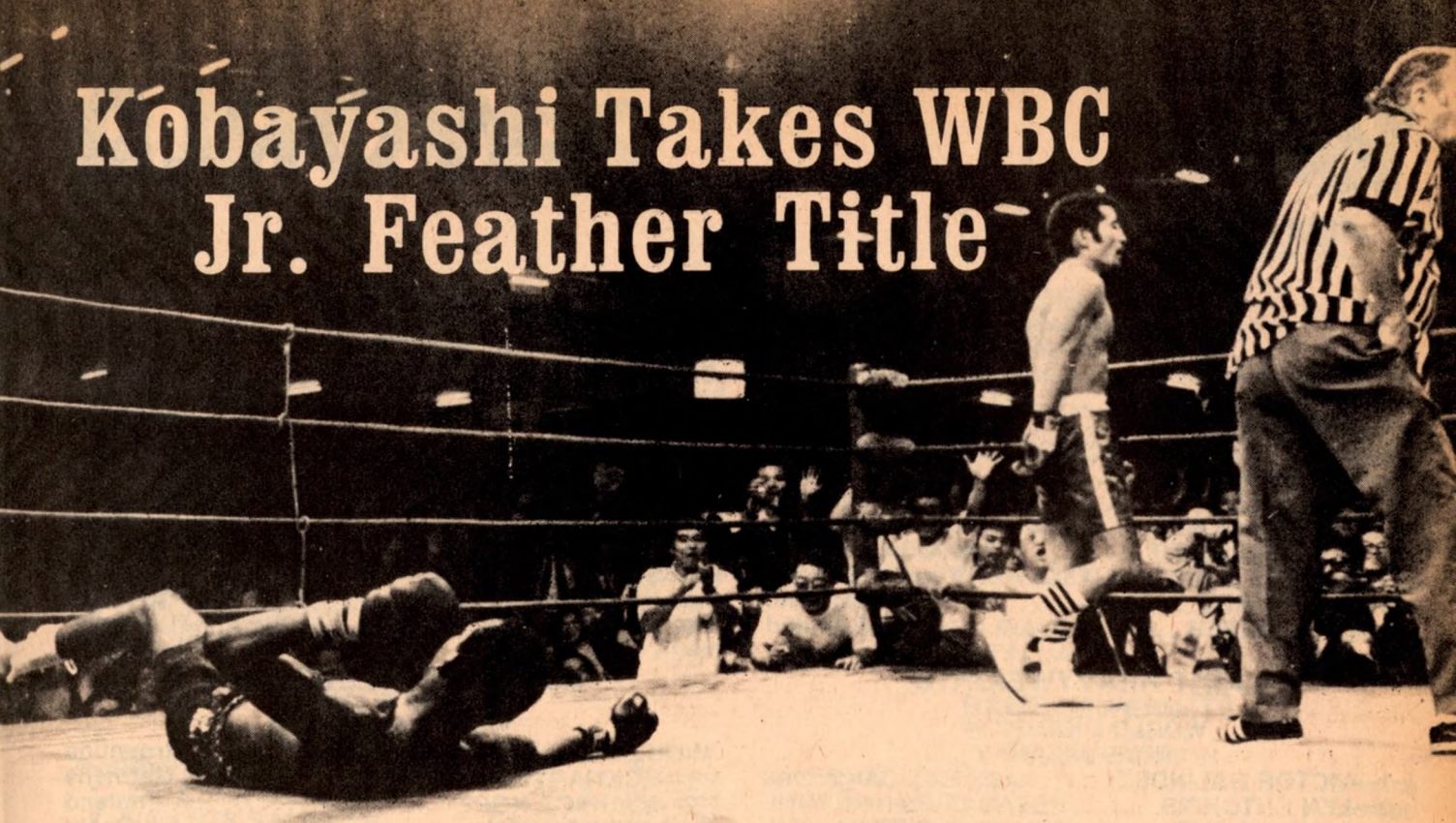
Estaba was making his fifth defense of the title. He won from Rafael Lobera, September 13, 1975. He used his superior reach to jab and keep away his younger challenger by 12 years. Luis built up a large lead, and opened a cut over the left eye of Rodriguez.

In the tenth and final round, Estaba landed good right hooks to the eye of Rodolfo, who was looking to call it quits.

The commission doctor checked the eye of the Argentine boxer at the end of the tenth round. He said that the cut was not serious, but the challenger's manager decided not to let his man go out for the next round. Estaba was awarded a TKO in the tenth.

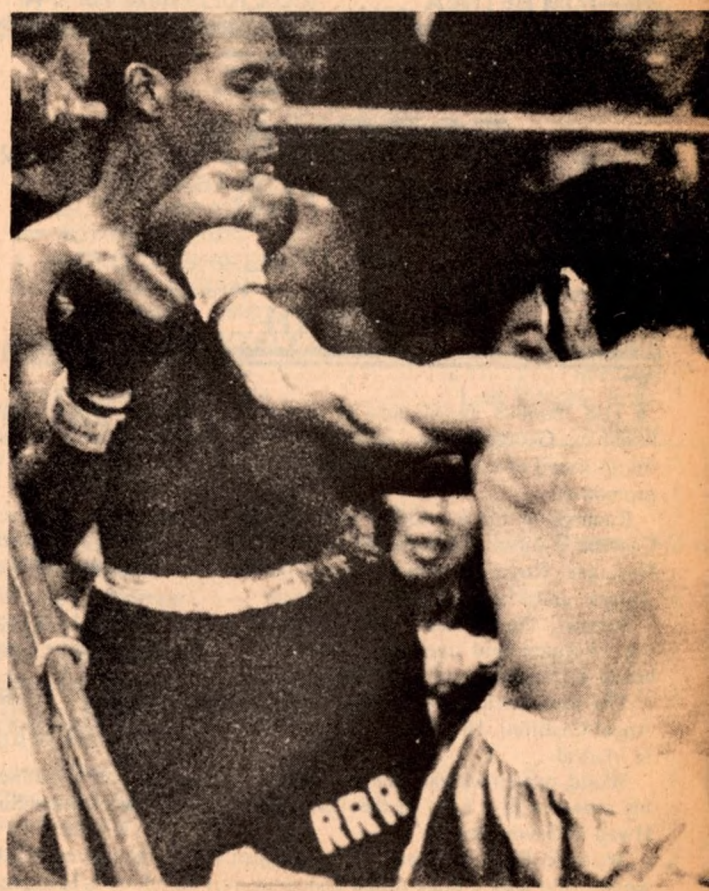
The poor Argentine fighter had no chance against the WBC champion. He was outgunned, and was just too small to land any punches at all in this one-sided fight.

Kobayashi Takes WBC Jr. Feather Title



(Above) The end of Panama's Rigoberto Riasco's rule occurs as referee Ray Edson looks to Riasco's handlers, who are signalling the fight to be stopped. Kobayashi walks to his corner, the new WBC Jr. feather king. (Below) Royal Kobayashi lands a left hook to the jaw of Riasco in the seventh round of their Tokyo title bout.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



TOKYO, JAPAN — Hard-hitting Royal (Kazuo) Kobayashi, of Japan, beat Rigoberto Riasco, Panama, to the punch, dropped him twice and knocked him out in the eighth round at Kuramae Sumo Arena (Japanese national wrestling hall), Tokyo. A sell-out crowd of 9,000 watched the 26-year-old bearded challenger seize the WBC junior featherweight title, which had been newly established in April last year.

Jubilant fans rushed into the ring and held up Japan's fourteenth champion after his upset victory.

It was a sluggish affair before the seventh round began. Riasco, taller 23-year-old champ, appeared to lack zip from the start and grabbed Kobayashi's arms occasionally instead of throwing punches.

The Panamanian barely made the 122-pound limit, and admitted later he was quite exhausted from a severe weight reduction. Kobayashi, too, had to shed many pounds.

The reporter thought the fighters would have done far better if they had fought as featherweights. Both had campaigned in the 127-pound class before the WBC set up the new division.

Kobayashi had sunk 17 victims in 20 previous wins, almost all with his specialty, a wild left hook, against two defeats. However, the Nipponese was regarded as an underdog because of his lack of speed and boxing skills sufficient to catch the Fancy Dan of Panama.

We had never seen such sluggish fighters as commenced the first round. They fought on even terms on the score sheets for the first three sessions. Riasco threw few punches, and repeatedly held as the fans booed. Kobayashi missed with slow roundhouse blows time and again.

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN ..... Houston, Texas
2—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
5—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
6—LARRY HOLMES ..... Easton, Pa.
7—HOWARD SMITH ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas
9—STAN WARD ..... Sacramento, Calif.
10—JOE BUGNER ..... England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—LEN HUTCHINS ..... Detroit, Mich.
3—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
4—MIGUEL CUELLO ..... Argentina
5—JESSIE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
7—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
8—MATE PARLOV ..... Yugoslavia
9—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
10—TOM BETHEA ..... New York, N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS MONZON ..... Argentina
1—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
2—RODRIGO VALDES ..... Colombia
3—TONY LICATA ..... New Orleans, La.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—DAVID LOVE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
9—FRANK WISSENBACK ..... Germany
10—KARL VINSON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI* ..... Argentina
1—ECKHART DAGGE** ..... Germany
2—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
3—JOSE DURAN ..... Spain
4—ELISHA OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
5—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
6—ROCKY MATTIOLI ..... Australia
7—MONTY BETHAM ..... New Zealand
8—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan
9—BRUNO ARCARI ..... Italy
10—MEL DENNIS ..... Houston, Texas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
4—ARMANDO MUNIZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—JOHN STRACEY ..... England
6—ANGEL ESPADA ..... Puerto Rico
7—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
8—DAVID GREEN ..... England
9—MIGUEL BARRETO ..... Puerto Rico
10—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ ..... Dominican Rep.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO BENITEZ* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES ..... Colombia
2—RAY LAMPKIN ..... Portland, Ore.
3—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
5—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
6—NICOLINO LOCHE ..... Argentina
7—CEMAL KAMACI ..... Austria
8—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
9—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ ..... Spain

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS** ..... Puerto Rico
2—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—EDWIN VIRUET ..... New York, N.Y.
4—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
5—PERICO FERNANDEZ ..... Spain
6—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Dominican Rep.
7—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE ..... France
8—JOSUE MARQUEZ ..... Puerto Rico
9—RUDY HERNANDEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—HUGO BARRAZA ..... Colombia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
2—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3—BEN VILLAFLOR ..... Philippines
4—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
5—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
6—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
7—BLAKENEY MATTHEWS ..... South Africa
8—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest, Md.
9—EZEQUIEL SANCHEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—SIGFREDO RODRIGUEZ ..... Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—DANNY LOPEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—DAVID KOTEY POISON** ..... Ghana
3—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
4—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico
5—ROYAL KOBOYASHI ..... Japan
6—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
7—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezuela
8—EDER JOFRE ..... Brazil
9—RIGOBERTO RIASCO ..... Panama
10—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—RAUL TIRADA ..... Mexico
5—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
6—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ROBERT RUVALDINO ..... Mexico
8—SALVATORE FABRIZIO ..... Italy
9—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
10—RODOLFO MARTINEZ ..... Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
2—GUTTY ESPADAS* ..... Mexico
3—JORGE LUJAN ..... Panama
4—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
5—JUAN GUZMAN ..... Dominican Rep.
6—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama
7—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezuela
8—JUAN ALVAREZ ..... Mexico
9—WILLIE JANSEN† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
10—JIRO TAKADA ..... Japan

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
John L. Gardner, England	10/73	20	19	1	0	15
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Al Fracker, Kalamazoo, Mich.	4/76	5	5	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Sammy Barr, Nassau, Bahamas	1/72	25	16	8	1	12
WELTERWEIGHT						
Scott Clark, Orlando, Fla.	5/76	5	5	0	0	4

NAME	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Vinnie DeBorros, Waterbury, Conn.	10/74	16	14	2	0	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Greg Coverson, Seattle, Wash.	4/76	5	5	0	0	5
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Joey Maye, Cleveland, Ohio	5/76	5	5	0	0	4
FLYWEIGHT						
Ramon Soria, Argentina	5/76	6	6	0	0	4

GEORGE FOREMAN FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THIS month's award goes to former heavyweight king George Foreman. George kayoed undefeated John "Dino" Dennis in the fourth round of their bout held in Hollywood, Fla. A Don King TV promotion.

Runners-up for the month are: Samuel Serrano, Miguel Angel Castellini, Alfonso Zamora, Wilfredo Benitez, Gutty Espada, Yoko Gushiken, Royal Kobayashi, John Conteh, Victor Galindez, Duane Bobick, and Miguel Canto.

Serrano, Puerto Rico, won the world junior lightweight crown via 15-round nod over Ben Villaflor, of the Philippines. They boxed a 15-round draw earlier this year.

The new world junior middleweight king is Argentina's Miguel Angel Castillini. He won a close decision over Spain's Jose Duran, in Madrid.

World bantamweight champ Alfonso Zamora, Mexico, retained his crown with a kayo in the 12th against ex-champion Hong Soo Hwan in South Korea.

Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico, retained his world junior welterweight title with a three-round knockout over Brockton's Tony Petronelli. This was on the Serrano-Villaflor card in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Gutty Espadas won the WBA flyweight crown, halting Panama's Alfonso Lopez in 13.

Miguel Canto retained his world flyweight crown with a 15-round decision over Betulio Gonzalez in Caracas.

Gushiken, Japan, won the WBA jr. fly crown via a kayo over Dominican Juan Guzman, 7th round, Tokyo, Japan.

Also in Japan, Royal Kobayashi won the WBA super bantam title, stopping Panama's Rigoberto Riasco in eight.

In two light heavyweight title bouts, WBC king John Conteh outpointed Stockton's Alvaro Lopez, 15, and WBA champ Victor Galinez, Argentina, got the nod over South Africa's Kosie Smith, in Johannesburg.

Last on the list Duane Bobick, who halted Bayonne's Chuck Wepner in six rounds, at Utica, N.Y.

Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.

Coming out of a short retirement, a triumphant Joe Bugner proudly wears the Lonsdale belt after defeating Richard Dunn in one round for the European, British, and Commonwealth titles. The bout took place in Wembley, England.

A "NEW" BUGNER REGAINS EUROPEAN AND COMMONWEALTH HEAVY CROWNS

By RON OLVER

WEMBLEY POOL — THE NEW JOE BUGNER! That's what many fans were calling Joe after he had demolished Richard Dunn in 2 minutes 14 seconds of the first round. Dunn was decked three times in a sensational session, and the final right hook stretched him flat on his back where he took the full count.

Thus Bugner regained the British, European and Commonwealth titles that he once held, and it must have been quite a triumph for him. Bugner scaled 226, and Dunn, 214.

The Dunn-Bugner confrontation was built up as a "grudge" fight, and from promoter Harry Levene's point of view it couldn't have gone better. So many wanted to see this one that it was a sell-out.

It all started when, after retiring with the plan of selling his house and going to California to live, Joe was invited to appear on TV to give his opinion on Richard Dunn's performance against Muhammad Ali. Joe said he thought it was a mis-match, and that Dunn had no right in the same ring with Ali. This caused controversy in the pubs, in the clubs and in the sporting press. Many fans thought that Dunn had provided more action in the five rounds he went with Ali than Bugner had shown in going the full 15

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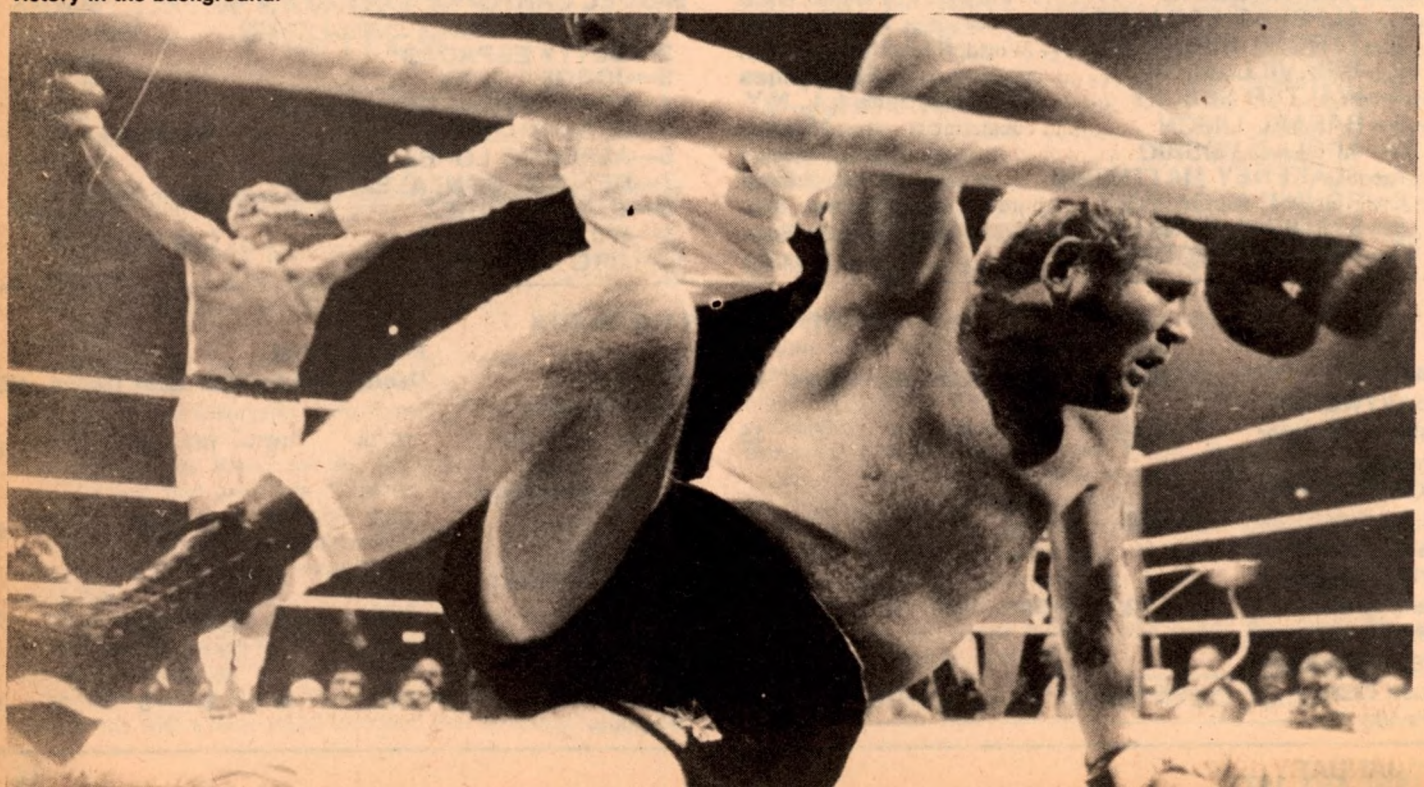
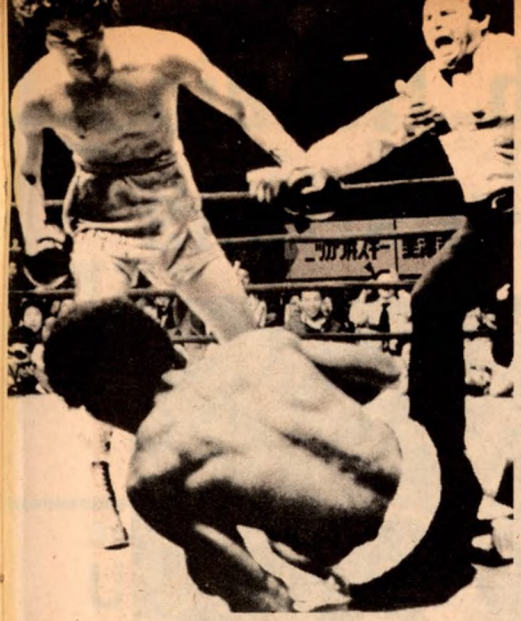
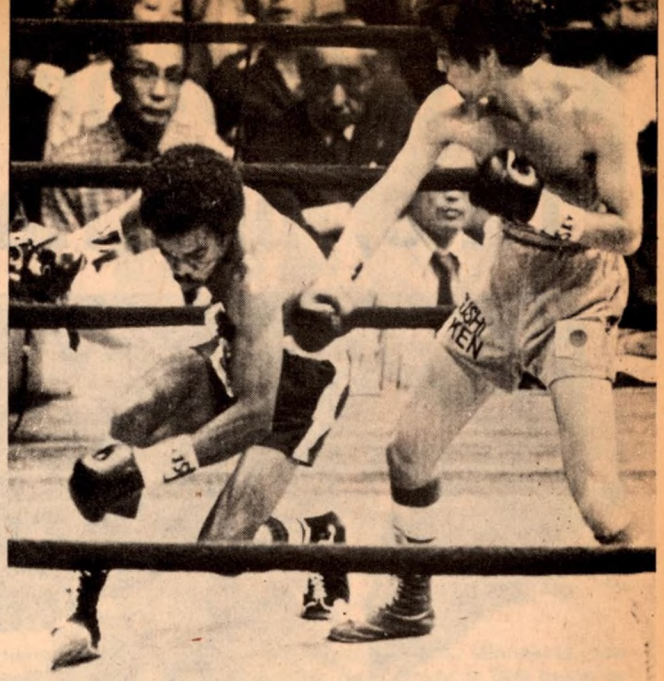
Richard Dunn tries to struggle to his feet as he is counted out by referee Harry Gibbs at 2:14 of round one. Bugner raises his arms in victory in the background.







(Left) Japan's Yoko Gushiken stands over the Dominican Republic's Juan Guzman as the referee counts Guzman out in round seven of the Kofu, Japan, fight. (Right) Gushiken follows through on the right punch to the face of Gomez which gave the Nippon the title.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

GUSHIKEN WBA JR. FLY CHAMP

KOFU, JAPAN — Left-hander Yoko Gushiken, in his ninth pro outing, swarmed over Juan Guzman of the Dominican Republic, had him on the deck four times and won the WBA junior flyweight title via a seventh-round kayo in a scheduled 15-round competition. Some 7,000 customers were in attendance at Yamanashi University Gymnasium. Gushiken, 21-year-old Okinawa-born scrapper, was so impressive that fight scribes here called him "a mixture of Fighting Harada and Hiroyuki Ebihara."

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Canto Keeps Fly Crown by Split Nod

By JULIO ORTIZ

CARACAS, VENEZUELA — World flyweight king Miguel Canto, 112, Merida, Mexico, retained his crown with a 15-round split nod over local Betulio Gonzalez, 111½.

Canto, using a good left jab and countering with hard right crosses to the head of Gonzalez, won the first three rounds with no trouble.

From the fourth to the seventh rounds, Gonzalez, using his height and reach plus an aggressive style, scored most of his points.

From the eighth to the twelfth, the contest was close, with Miguel doing well with his countering and left jab. Betulio kept on coming, but was beaten to the punch time and again.

Gonzalez was a beaten fighter the rest of the way. He seldom connected with any worthwhile shots, as Canto boxed brilliantly.

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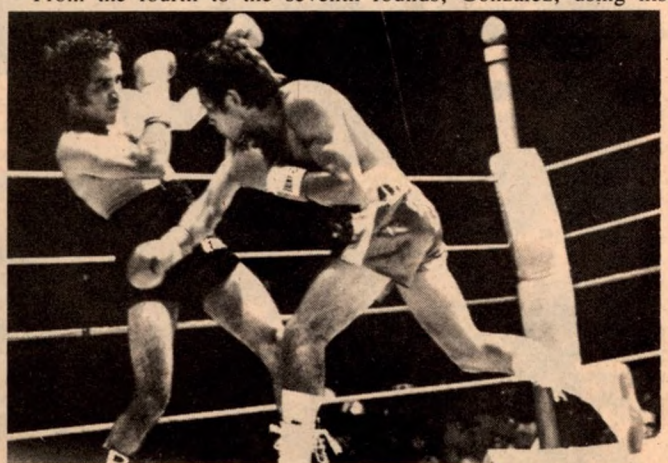
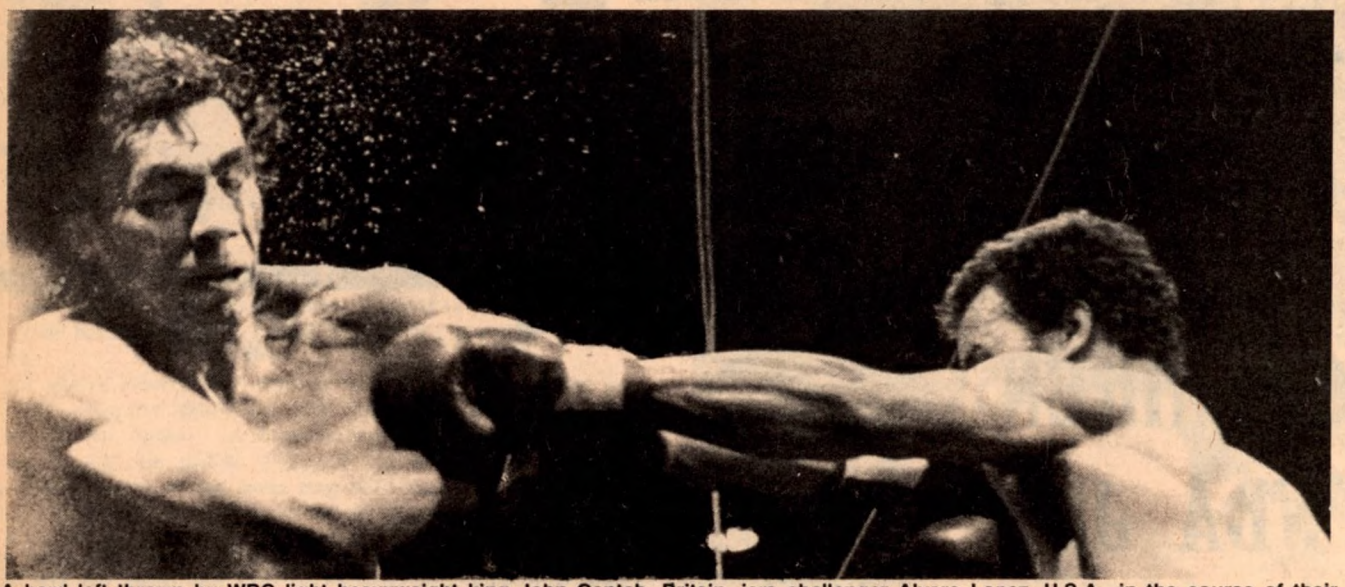


(Above left) Venezuelan Betulio Gonzalez leans back to avoid a right thrown by world flyweight champion Miguel Canto. (Above right) Victor by a 15-round split decision, Canto receives a trophy from WBC head Jose Sulaiman at the close of the Caracas fight.

WBC'S John Conteh Retains Title, but Raises Questions



A hard left thrown by WBC light heavyweight king John Conteh, Britain, jars challenger Alvaro Lopez, U.S.A., in the course of their Copenhagen title bout.

By JACK A. TREE

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — The questions about John Conteh's brittle right hand may have been answered; then again, they may not.

The World Boxing Council light heavyweight champion said he was satisfied with his performance, yet ringsiders and overseas televiewers had their doubts as the clever 25-year-old Briton turned back the challenge of American Alvaro Lopez.

"I hardly threw my right, but when I did, it stood up" was Conteh's comment after he had recorded a unanimous decision in the 15 rounder.

The votes of the referee and two judges were 149-145, 149-145 and 148-146 for the champ. Despite those tallies, it was a long, hard haul for Conteh. Lopez, from Stockton, California, was strong and courageous, and Conteh never truly dominated him.

Still, when he needed to, the champion almost always found a way to tip the balance narrowly in his favor. Usually it was a burst of left jabs that did the trick.

Considering that he hadn't fought in fifteen months, it was a solid showing by Conteh, and prompted immediate planning for a match with comebacking former world champion Bob Foster in England this spring.

Foster, who will be 35 in April, ruled the 175 pounders with an iron fist from May 1968 until his retirement in September 1974 after fourteen successful defenses of the crown.

Retirement, however, did not sit well with Bob. He itched for

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Conteh is congratulated after beating Lopez over fifteen rounds by unanimous decision. To Conteh's right is his brother Toni.

Lopez ducks a left thrown by Conteh in the first round. Experts wondered how Conteh's "brittle" right hand would hold up, but the Briton rarely used that hand in the title defense.

Bobick Halts Wepner on Cuts in 6

A hard right thrown by Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minnesota, doubles over Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, New Jersey, in first round action. The Utica, New York, fight was halted in round six by referee Harold Valan.

By JOHN ORT

UTICA, N.Y. — Undefeated heavyweight Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minnesota, used a good left hook to cut up Bayonne's Chuck Wepner on a national TV bout. Referee Harold Valan halted the contest at 1:12 of the sixth round.

This looks like the 35-year-old tiger from New Jersey may be nearing the end of the line. He tried hard, but didn't have enough to keep the younger Bobick at bay. This was Chuck's second defeat in his twelve bouts since 1972. His only other loss was to Muhammad Ali in Wepner's bid for the heavyweight title. He was halted by the champ in the fifteenth round after having Ali on the deck earlier in the contest. This loss gives Wepner a career mark of 33-11-2, with 15 knockouts.

Duane made Chuck number 37, and knockout number 32. Since he turned pro in 1973, after winning the Silver Medal in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, he has not really been up against a top fighter in what would be called "World Class." Wepner is about the best he's been in with. You don't win any championships kayoing guys like Rochel Norris, Oliver Wright, Cookie Wallace, Pat Duncan and Ernie Lassiter. Bobick made a management change from Denver's Bill Daniels to ex-heavyweight king Joe Frazier and Eddie Futch. He said the Denver people were not moving him well, putting him in with second rate fighters. Since he's been with Frazier he has moved up to face heavyweights Bunny Johnson, Larry Middleton and now a tired Chuck Wepner. There's still hope for the young tiger. As they say, "Hope springs eternal."

The bout itself was even after the first two rounds, with Wepner possibly having a little edge. Chuck landed a couple of wild rights to the head of Duane, which slowed the young tiger up.

From the third round on it was downhill for the "Bayonne Bomber." He was getting tagged by good left hooks which opened cuts over his left eye and below the same eye. The biggest problem, though, was a broken nose.

Referee Harold Valan did the wise thing in halting the contest at

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GOMEZ OVERPOWERS MURILLO

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

ROBERTO CLEMENTE COLISEUM — SAN JUAN, P.R. — He may not be one of Puerto Rico's world champs, but he has certainly proven to be the best that we have around here.

We are referring to bantam Wilfredo Gomez, who scored a kayo over Mexico's Jose Murillo-Medel at 2:45 of the fourth round.

Unable to get either Alfonso Zamora or Carlos Zarate in the ring for a bantam title affair, Gomez is shooting for the newly created super bantam crown, of which Murillo was listed as a leading contender by the WBC.

Nothing much happened in the first round, and although Gomez opened up in the second, Murillo managed to score some solid wallops also. But the turning point of the battle did not come until mid way through the third round, when a hard right to the button by Gomez caused Jose to quiver as he stopped dead on his tracks. "I knew I had him at this point, but held my big bombs for the next round," declared Wilfredo after the bout.

And bombs way it was in the fourth as Wilfredo poured on every blow in books to give a neat lesson in what boxing and punching skill is all about. Hooks, jabs, left-right combinations, uppercuts. Every blow on its mark, with precision and power that finally caused Murillo to cave in for the fatal ten count.

It was the first time the Mexican had been knocked off his feet in his only performance here he had scored a surprise kayo victory over islander Santos Rivera, but Gomez was

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Puerto Rican bantamweight Wilfredo Gomez drops Mexican Jose Murillo-Medel for the fatal ten count at 2:45 of round four of the San Juan bout. Photo by Paquito Rivera

California lightweight Rudy Hernandez, right, is congratulated by manager Red Shannon for Rudy's sensational tenth-round victory over Rudy Barro.

By JESS HERNANDEZ

Rudy Hernandez Knocks at Title Door

With flash and finesse Rudy is piling up wins in the West.

LOS ANGELES, California — Newest fistic sensation punching out ring triumphs in whirlwind style in Southern California during the past year has been Rudy Hernandez, 20, rated lightweight in RING MAGAZINE. Born in La Palma, California, Rudy Hernandez, managed by ex-fighter Red Shannon, has moved into the junior welterweight derby, and his impressive 26-1 ring ledger, with 8 KO's, definitely puts Rudy within earshot of a title match. A dandy ring stylist, Rudy's boxing credentials in the amateurs showed that in 1970 he won 15 straight bouts including a win over tough Frankie Duarte. In 1973, Hernandez copped the coveted Golden Gloves Diamond Belt crown.

Rudy's professional ring debut in 1974 was launched auspiciously with 22 straight wins before he lost a disputed 10-round bout to Jimmy Heair, of San Diego, California, at the Olympic Auditorium. "Rudy was robbed," exclaimed manager Red Shannon. "He won the fight by a mile, and everybody except judges John Thomas and Rudy Rozzadilla gave the fight to my fighter. Even Ralph Gambina, who manages Mike Nixon, thought Rudy won the fight hands down," added Shannon. Rudy's controversial ring setback spoiled a perfect slate and dropped him from the No. 5 position in the January issue of RING MAGAZINE.

Since Hernandez's loss to Heair one year ago, the West Coast flashy junior welterweight remains unbeaten. In Sacramento, California, Rudy scored his most sensational and laudatory ring conquest in whipping tough Rudy Barro in ten rounds. Barro, from the Philippine Islands, kayoed highly rated Andy (Hawk) Price, formerly rated No. 7 in RING.

Twenty year old Rudy's remarkable ascension as one of the West Coast's nonpareil ringmen is attributed to the astute and expert guidance of pilot Red Shannon. Shannon fought in the middleweight and light heavyweight ranks in the 30s and 40s, trading leather with explosive punchers like Jimmy Casino, Tommy Garland, Big Boy Hogue and Vern Byebee. In 1941, Red fought promising middleweight Harry (Kid) Matthews in Seattle, Washington. In the 50s, Shannon, from Watts, California, which produced Jimmy McDaniels, Young Peter Jackson and Kenny Watkins, managed lightweight Fidel Aguilar and featherweight Georgie Mendoza.

"I think the way Rudy is developing right now, he'll be ready for the best in the world in a year. He's only 20 and still growing. The Olympic Auditorium wanted to match Rudy up with welterweight champ Carlos Palomino, but the fight was called off. Rudy only weighs 138, but he'll be fighting Palomino or Mundo Muniz. Right now I'd like a rematch with Jimmy Heair to avenge Rudy's only defeat," Shannon stated.

Right now the only tangible flaw in Hernandez's fistic armament in his lack of a kayo sock. Rudy wins the majority of bouts with brilliant boxing finesse and punching prowess. Hernandez's first pro bout took place on November 14, 1974, in San Francisco, California, where he decisioned Jose Luis Gonzales in eight rounds. A month later, 5-7, 138-pound Hernandez stopped Gerald Robinson in San Diego.

Manager Shannon believes the fight that propelled his dandy junior welter product into the fistic limelight was Rudy's impeccable victory over veteran Arturo Leon in 10 rounds, on June 19, 1975, in San Diego. Modest and soft-spoken Rudy attends college near his home in La Palma, California, where Carlos Palomino and Armando Muniz,

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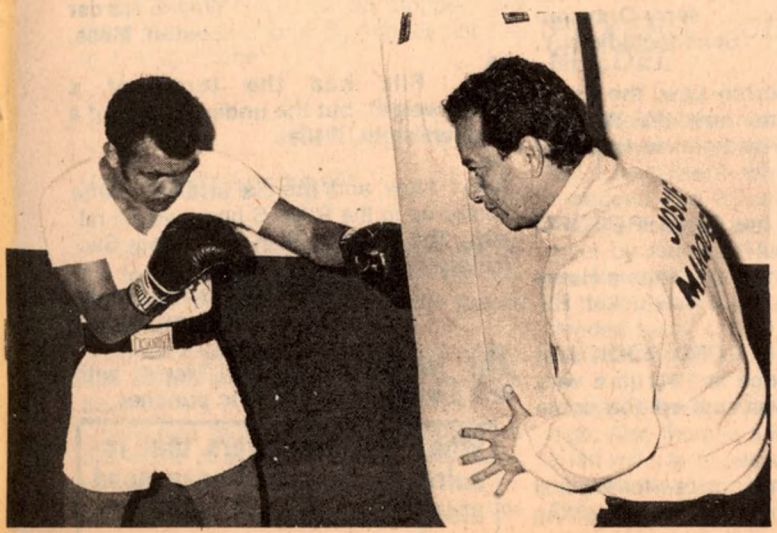
Puerto Rico's Hard Luck Fighter; Josue Marquez

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINEZ

Jr. Welterweight Josue Marquez is seen with his manager, Filiberto Lebron, (top photo) being weighed, (above) having his hands taped for a match, and (below) practicing on a canvas bag.



JOSUE MARQUEZ is what is known in the boxing game as a hard luck fighter.

He is a cool-headed kid with a straight stand-up style who nobody seems interested in meeting.

His chief claim to fame is that he went the 15-round distance with junior welter title holder Antonio Cervantes here in San Juan a couple of years ago. "I'm really a lightweight and can make the weight without any difficulty," assures Marquez.

Josue turned pro in 1967 with a sixth round KO against Carlos Espada, in San Juan. Since then, Marquez has had thirty-seven bouts, with twenty-two wins, six by KO.

In his last start at the close of 1975 he upset ranked Frankie Benitez in what many say was the best bout of the year here in Puerto Rico. Before that he travelled to Colombia and easily beat local titleholder Miguel Betruz.

"I've had to do a lot of travelling to get fights," he insists.

In Spain he fought former European title holder Miguel Velazquez, but was the victim of a hometown decision.

In Australia he lost a decision to Hector Thompson.

"Although my record shows eight defeats in eight years of action, the only guys who really beat me were Esteban de Jesus, Cervantes and Hector Thompson in Australia," stated Josue.

Following his victory over Nanny Marredo, Josue's manager, Filiberto Lebron, announced that they would like a chance at either Esteban de Jesus or Roberto Duran. "If not, we will be gunning for a match against junior welter title holder (W.B.C. version) Miguel Velazquez of Spain," added Lebron.

Q. Who figured in the first fight held in the original Yankee Stadium? Was it a heavyweight fight?

James K. Billings
New Haven, Conn.

A. The first fight in the stadium was the second meeting of Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler, with Leonard again defending the lightweight title. Leonard made it two out of two. In the stadium Leonard won in a breeze. In their first fight, in New Jersey, Benny had a close call. He talked Lew out of the fight.

Q. Is it true that President Ford coached the Yale boxing team? Lefthanded?

"Windy" Kane
Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. True, on both counts. He worked his way through law school with his coaching salary.

Q. When John L. Sullivan met Charley Mitchel in the rain in France who had the advantage in the weights? I say John L. by far. Right?

Henry Bleibtrey
Noston, Mass.

A. Mitchell was greatly outweighed. By about nearly 40 pounds. The result was a draw. They fought bare knuckles.

Q. I need the information for a book on boxing. Which came first, La Savate or Thailand kick boxing?

Dan Kielty
Noston, Mass.

A. It is presumed that the Thai variety came first.

Q. Why is it that boxers who say they are retiring are so unreliable? The Bugner case is the latest example. "My wife demands that I quit the ring," on Monday, and a month later they are back in action.

J. J. Hill
Detroit, Mich.

A. There are ever so many reasons for this unreliability. Wives have a lot to do with the situation. Money is another reason. Inability to stand inactivity is another.

Q. Is Bob Foster back in the ring or has he actually retired?

Harry Straiter
Albuquerque, N.M.

A. He says he is back in action. But he has shown little indication of action.

Q. How many fights did Stan Ketchel have in his entire career?

Holly Dean
Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. The Assassin had a total of only 61 fights. He lost only two, to Billy Papke and Jack Johnson.

Q. Was Count Rothschild an amateur boxer? It was on his estate at Chantilly, France, that Sullivan and Mitchell fought their 39 round draw.

"Count" Dussac
Paris, France

A. No. The count was not a boxer, but he was greatly interested in boxing.

Q. Was there a time when every world champion of the world was an American?

Zasher Levy
Portland, Maine

A. Yes that was true in 1926.

Q. How many boxing laws has the state of New York had in the last 80 years?

Jerry Oraysom
Schenectady, N.Y.

A. Four, the Horton Law, the Frawley, the Lewis and now the Walker. The Walker Law has been in force for 56 years.

Q. When did the RING RECORD BOOK first come out?

Vonnie Haley
Pawtucket, R.I.

A. THE RING RECORD BOOK first made its appearance in 1941 in a very limited edition. First real edition came out in 1942.

Q. We have three choices for the first champion of England in a betting pool—Mendoza, Bendigo and Jim Figg. The Answer Man decides.

Nathan Felker, Joe Cohen and Frank
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. The first champion was Jim Figg.

Q. Was Bombardier Wells ever the champion of England?

Terry Trenholmm
Bombay, India

A. Yes he was.

Q. Which state was the first to pass a boxing law? I say California.

Carroll Clay
San Francisco, Cal.

A. California was the first, New York second and Nevada third.

Q. Who is the world flyweight champion?

Carlos Fuentes
Tijuana, L. Cal.

A. The champion, and a very fine one, too, is Miguel Canto, of Mexico.

Q. Has Floyd Patterson announced his retirement yet?

Harold Kase
New Paltz, N.Y.

A. Patterson may be regarded as having announced his retirement as he is a member of the New York Commission.

Q. I would like to know the birthdate of Young Corbett.

Jarley Klize
Denver, Crawley

A. Corbett was born October 4, 1880 in Denver, Colorado.

Q. Why is Bob Fitzsimmons referred to as a physical freak?

Wayne Herder
Boston, Mass.

A. Fitz had the torso of a heavyweight, but the underpinning of a middleweight, if that.

Q. Now and then a strange name shows up in the RING'S heavyweight ratings. The latest is Stan Ward from Sacramento. Does he really belong?

Webster Neiderman
Chicago, Illinois

A. Ward stopped Jeff Merritt with one punch. He is a terrific puncher.

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I HAVE TWO POINTS TO MAKE!

(1) I encourage RING to take steps towards establishing and governing a World-Wide Boxing Commission to eliminate the confusion created by the dual champion concept. Your ratings and knowledge of boxing places you at the top in respect to the two governing bodies, who are engaged in a "silly" power struggle that puts common sense at a low priority. I believe that both fans and fighters would support your actions.

(2) I encourage THE RING and all fight fans to play down any publicity towards the W.B.A. and the W.B.C. This initial attitude *must* be taken by the masses and then relayed to the two groups that the authority and power they try to display will not be recognized by the boxing world.

The two czar's must be stopped! No more dual champions! Boxing cannot live in a twilight zone!

Dennis Smith
Salt Lake City, Utah

"CONTROVERSY"

The biggest "rob" in ring history due to the fanaticism of two judges and the referee was the decision to Ali in the recent Ali-Ken Norton bout.

Some newspaper chroniclers agree and supported the judges: Ali fanatics also.

The real truth is that the fight was a one-sided one with Norton a very easy winner.

That decision makes Ali a false champion and is a rough blow to boxing in New York State.

Ramon Sanchez
San Juan, P.R

WHAT ABOUT THE GARDEN

The Madison Square Garden Organization aroused itself with the Ali-Norton fight in the Yankee Stadium. Now what next? What comes next for the big sixty million dollar arena to continue in action in a big way? Or is there to be another long period of inactivity?

It appears certain that there will be no resumption of talk of converting the arena into a vast headquarters of the Off Track Betting organization. The Garden was built in good part for boxing and to the services of boxing it will have to be devoted in good part. We New Yorkers would like to see boxing back in a large way in the "Big Apple"—and that means Madison Square Garden.

John Henry Graves
New York, N.Y.

FRAZIER'S RETIREMENT REGRETTED

Joe Frazier, a "heavy" fighter and a gentleman, has retired from the ring. This is to be regretted. It would have been a great thing for boxing if Joe had beaten Ali in Manila. Fight fans are sick and tired of hearing that same old junk about "I am the greatest." Muhammad is not the greatest, he never was the greatest and he always has talked too much. I listened to that Ali talk for a while but eventually I got tired of that brag gab of his. If Ali really retires, the game will miss him but boxing will go on prospering.

Fred Faulkner
San Francisco, Cal.

BOXERS' COOPERATION NEEDED

I read that there is a movement to rebuild American boxing. There will be a big tournament which will create an American title holder in every division. Frankly, it is, in part, a defensive movement by American promoters to recreate the strength which American boxing used to have. That the national movement is needed badly cannot be denied. But the promoters cannot do it alone. They need the help of the fighters. Financial demands are reported to be excessively high. Also there is a limit as to how much a fan will pay to see a fight.

It will have to be a cooperative action. The possibilities of the movement are tremendous, but a grabbing system could kill it.

Jerry Kellner
Seattle, Wash.

30 YEARS AND A-OK

I have been a subscriber of the RING MAGAZINE for the last thirty years without ever a complaint, suggestion, or a deserved compliment, but as of this date I must give a pat on your back and compliment you and your staff on the Ring Ratings.

For once in the last twenty odd years your top ten in the world ratings and their weights would seem to be in order, and the poor quality of the heavyweight division not only in the United States but throughout the world would become obvious if you were to compare them to the heavyweight division of twenty or twenty-five years ago. It would be very interesting if your magazine would print the listings of the top ten heavyweights of twenty or twenty-five years ago and compare them with the top ten of today.

I would venture to predict that the number ten heavyweight of 1957 or 1952 would stand alone in the heavyweight class of today. There may have been some 75 pounders in the years past that would have held their own against any division of today.

Jim Thorell
South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

LET'S GET RID OF DUAL TITLES

What progress is taking place in matching dual champions in many divisions, so that we the boxing fans can come out of this confusion? We know about the narrow, selfish stupidity of the world boxing bodies in allowing such things to happen. As you know, where reason and goodwill exist, such nonsense could not be.

Why is it we do not learn from the past, and repeat some of the same things!

Mr. L. Vettor
Cleveland, Ohio

RON STANDER HAS HIS SAY

Upon reading a recent edition of the RING MAGAZINE, I finally decided it was time for me to express myself, as I'm fed up with all of the "propaganda" I've been reading about my fight with Ken Norton at Landover, Maryland. The caption by the picture of Norton and myself shows me tagging Norton with a right hand, but

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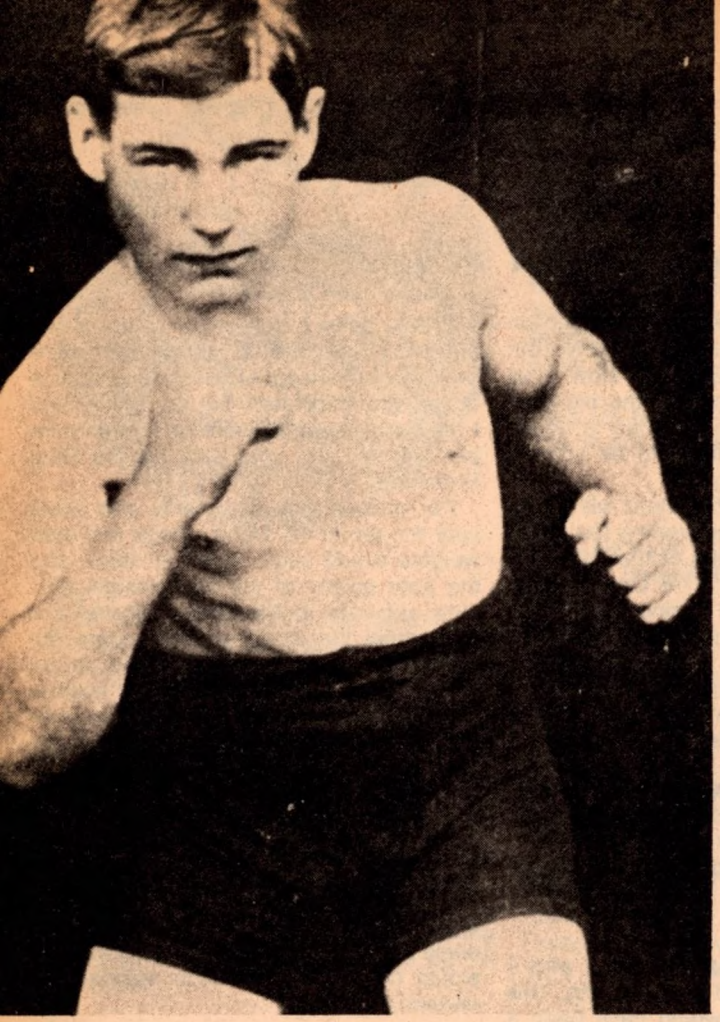

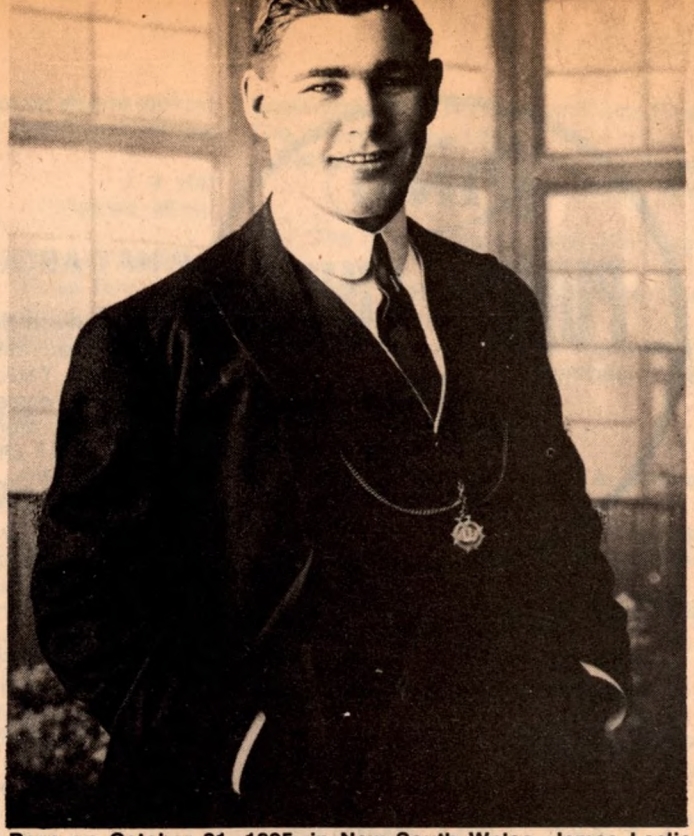

Born on October 31, 1895, in New South Wales, James Leslie Darcy (left) bought his first pair of boxing gloves at the age of twelve. (Above) Then Australian welterweight champion, Les arrived in the United States dressed to the hilt. Unfortunately, political pressure was put on promoters, and Les never got a fight.

Legend Les Darcy Received Raw Deal on U.S. Tour

By HARRY WARREN

"HE was the greatest fighter I have ever seen," was a quote from the lips of that fabulous former world welterweight champion Ted "kid" Lewis. Lewis told me in 1954 that he saw the great Australian fighter performing in the States. "I asked him not to spar with me in the gym; he might have embarrassed me." Lewis added, "Darcy would have been world champion."

James Leslie Darcy was born at Woodville, on the Hunter River, New South Wales, on October 31, 1895. His early life was not easy, for he was one of eleven children, and his parents, Edward and Margaret Darcy, were very proud of their six sons and five daughters. It was a titanic struggle against adversity, and Les knew what poverty meant. Boxing, he said, would get the family away from the coal fields. He would become a champion. He would put his parents into a lovely house.

Yes, Les Darcy had ambition. He was twelve years of age when he went out and bought a pair of boxing gloves.

When he was fourteen, his long-time trainer, Mick Hawkins, entered Darcy's name for a tournament at Newcastle, and the boy, at this time a blacksmith's apprentice, won the tournament. The area had a new lightweight champion.

It was 1912. Sydney Stadium was four years old, the Mecca of Australian boxing, and in the midst of a boom. Hughie Mehegan, the tough Australian, had twice fought the great Jimmy Clabby; Jerry Jerome had made a laughing stock of Balzac, the "fighting Frenchman"; Dave Smith was knocked out by Eddie McGoorty in two rounds; Sam Langford and Sam McVea were renewing hostilities. It was Langford's protege, Dave Depena, who introduced Darcy to other than the local boxing crowd. Darcy found the road to fame was hard.

It was 1913. Since turning pro in 1910, Darcy had thirteen contests—seven knockouts, six decisions, all wins, no losses. Billy Hannan, Reg Delaney and Joe Shakespeare were all stopped via the KO route. Billy McNabb lost to Darcy by a decision.

Then on November 3, Darcy lost over twenty rounds to Bob Whitelaw for the Australian welterweight title. This setback didn't exactly bother the former blacksmith very much.

He had now arrived in Sydney. Not to fight at the Sydney Stadium, but at the Newtown Olympia. His opponent was a Jewish

1915, the year in which this photo was taken, was a busy one for Darcy. He fought thirteen bouts, including an eight-round KO win against Eddie McGoorty, which was recognized in Australia as a world middleweight title match.

fighter from London, Jack Clarke, whom the smiling Darcy battered to defeat in nine rounds. Young Hanley was next. He was knocked out in the fifth round. A return bout with Bob Whitelaw was next, and he was knocked out in five rounds. Darcy was crowned Australian Welter champion.

Darcy was matched against American Jeff Smith at Sydney Stadium on January 23, 1915. He lost, but the loss cost him nothing in prestige. Smith, hopelessly outclassed, repeatedly struck Darcy with low blows, and his cornermen were rejected by the referee when they complained about the foul blows. The referee told the cornermen to keep quiet. They then threw in the towel in protest. Four months later as Les became known, he fouled Jeff Smith, and was ruled out in the second round of the return fight.

Leslie Darcy was now twenty years of age. The boy Darcy had become a man. He was making a lot of money. He was saving it, too. He had fought and cleaned up all opposition. He was fighting and beating first-rate middleweights. 1915, was a very busy year for the Australian with thirteen contests, including one loss which was later reversed.

Then there was Eddie McGoorty, who with a hundred bouts without ever having been knocked out, was disputing the world's middleweight title with Chip George and Mike Gibbons. Darcy really proved how good he was when he knocked out Eddie in the fifteenth round.

If there was any doubt about that victory, it was answered by Eddie McGoorty. "Darcy will beat any middleweight in the world, and most of the heavyweights too."

And didn't that great American Jimmy Clabby fall before the onslaught of the invincible Australian, who was only twenty years old when he beat McGoorty.

On Christmas Day, 1915, Sydney Stadium was packed to the rafters at the return of Eddie McGoorty with the Australian champion Darcy. This fight had been heralded as the bout for the world middleweight title, and the promotion was presented with all the glamor and prestige accorded to a world title bout. Les Darcy, after knocking out McGoorty in the eighth round, gave the Australian boxing fans their finest Christmas gift.

During 1916, Darcy took part in eight contests. He KO'd Les O'Donnell in seven, Alex Castica in four, Buck Crouse in two, Dave Smith in twelve, and his last fight he knocked out world contender George Chip in the ninth round. The American press and boxing writers had praised George Chip for his magnificent fight with Frank Klaus, whom Les beat in December 1913 for the world middleweight championship. Even now, with the middleweight division obscure, he was still billed as champion of the world. So now here was a twenty-year-old youth who had decisively beaten George Chip. Chip and Darcy met at Sydney Stadium, September 30, 1916. True, Chip landed more punches on Darcy's chin than any other fighter, but the granite chin withstood everything that the American could send. The end was in the ninth round. It was a full half hour before Chip fully regained his senses.

McGoorty, whom the American press had hailed as one of the greatest punchers, and George Chip, both were emphatic, "There isn't a middleweight in the world who would beat Darcy. It's like trying to fight a grisly bear."

Mike Hawkins, who trained Darcy,

This rare picture of Darcy was taken at the Blacksmiths Forge in Maitland, Australia, where he was an apprentice. He was sixteen years old at the time.

claimed Darcy received a raw deal in America, due to political pressures from Australia.

Hawkins was enlightening on a few facts which few Americans have known. Hawkins related that on Lee's arrival in America he was met with mixed reaction. Les Darcy had been given an ultimatum in Sydney by Hugh D. McIntosh, who was operating the Tivoli theater, and the "Sunday Times" newspaper in Sydney. He wanted to take Darcy to America. When Hawkins refused any part of

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The late Nat Fleischer travelled to Maitland, Australia, in 1956 to unveil a plaque in Darcy's honor, 39 years after the boxer's death. Les was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame the following year.

WBA GETS NEW CHAMP: CASTELLINI

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champion. He'll come to it in a short time, mind you.

Argentina presently has three world boxing champions: undefeated middleweight Carlos Monzon, bull strong light heavyweight Victor Galindez, and the newly conquered junior middleweight champion, Miguel Angel Castellini. Earlier Argentine champions were Horacio Acavallo, Pascual Perez and Nicolino Locche.

Miguel Angel Castellini, 29 and married, came to Buenos Aires at an early age from the inland Argentine city of Santa Rosa, on the grass, cattle and grain land area of La Pampa, a little over 500 miles southwest from the country's capital.

His non-professional boxing career was very short. As he lightly commented to this reporter, "I fought my first ring fight when I was merely fifteen years old. It was against a fighter named Carlos Rosane and at a gym in my hometown.

"When I decided to be a boxer, I did so because of two main reasons. One, because in our province (La Pampa) boxing was the most popular of sports. My dream was to be an outstanding figure. The other reason was that I had to learn to box because I had to defend my elder brother Ernesto, who was always the underdog, everybody beating him . . . ."

On his professional career, the records say he started in May 1965, at the age of eighteen. The first bout was also in an inland Argentine ring, in the northwest province of Tucuman. Castellini fought in the welter category. His opponent was Domingo Jerez, and Castellini put him out with a KO in the second round.

From then on, as a welter, he fought 64 matches, winning 51 with 36 by KO, losing 4, his last failure being against Peruvian Carlos Estrada in October 1969. Young and temperamental, he decided to retire, but his retirement lasted only until May 1971. From then on, now in the middleweight category, he performed 30 fights. From this campaign, he got 29 victories and 1 draw, this when confronted with Ramon La Cruz.

Castellini won the Argentine Jr. middleweight championship on November 4, 1972, the South American crown, two years later in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on October 21, 1974.

All in all, Castellini's campaign, up to his fight last August 20 against Octavio Escauriza, adds up to 68, of which he won 39 by KO, drew 10, and lost 4.

Castellini is an introvert, and to get a hint of his character, his way of thinking, one has to look at earlier statements and at the opinions of people who know him. Married only a couple of months to his girl friend of four and a half years, Castellini said at the airport, "The love and support of Gloria (his wife nee Demasi) is for me the most important thing. Though she remained in Buenos Aires this last time (his fight vs. Duran) because I asked her to, she's travelling with me from now on whenever and wherever I fight abroad."

Colleague reporter Fredes wrote about Castellini: "Boxing gave him fame, many criticisms, success and heartbreaks. He was denied at times, and had to go abroad to get better purses. He returned silently. He refused to go to Japan to fight for the title against Koichi Wajima. He (Castellini) was always a disconcerting man, but when this last chance came (fight against Duran) it was his great opportunity. Before him he had the glory, a sporting career and a wealthy future, which only the privileged in his hard profession sometimes have. . .These were the things Miguel Angel (Castellini) confronted when facing his rival Duran. That was his biggest impulse for his first step out front, for winning with fierceness any battle. . . ."

Although controversial, Castellini follows instructions to the letter at the gym or in the ring. That was confirmed by his old trainer of many years, Victor Arnautein, who cried (who wouldn't?) when his pupil won the world crown.

Commenting with this reporter over his match in Madrid, Castellini explained: "Lectoure (matchmaker Tito Lectoure) told me not to rush, even after Duran's fall in the third round, to prevent the Spaniard's replies. If I held myself sometimes, it was because of the instructions received and because of my temperament."

As an end to this inner-way mosaic of Miguel Angel Castellini, let us look again at his statements about himself and his plans. "I'm a boxer who thinks first, always, and I don't believe it does harm me much. If I keep on boxing it is because of that: thinking, I could be any other thing, but boxing is my future, especially now that I'm world champion. My plans are to fight for some four or five more years. This is my job, and is my ticket for a future time when I won't be fit to fight any more."

To the question: Did you change since your marriage? Castellini answers: "Yes, totally. I feel more stable, more responsible. Earlier, because of too much thinking, I wanted to escape from boxing. Now, I know that it is not only my best economic possibility, but also that of my family."

OBED CHOMPS UP "TACO" PEREZ

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando, Florida — Former WBC junior middleweight king Elisha Obed came to Orlando expecting an easy go, but had his hands full with courageous local hero Victor (Taco) Perez.

Obed, 156½, Bahamas, scored five knockdowns en route to a lopsided decision in promoter Pete Ashlock's 10-round main event, but the rugged Taco Kid had no intentions of getting stopped and in fact was forcing the action at the final bell.

Perez, 156, Sanford, fought the fight of his life. He had all the adrenalin flowing and a vocal cheering section rooting him on against the lethal punching Obed, who was handled by manager Mike Dundee, trainer Moe Fleischer, and coached from ringside by Chris Dundee.

Perez was well conditioned by Dominick Polo, who had Perez believing an upset win was possible. In the last two rounds, with Polo exhorting his charge to keep winging, the popular Taco was firing away as a surprised Obed appeared to tire. There was no doubt who deserved the decision, but the outcome was an obvious moral victory for Perez.

Obed's recorded mark is now 65-1-2, 46 KOs, although he claims four more wins. Perez, a Cinderella story who did without a professional trainer and coaching most of his career, is now 35-25-3 after being saddled with a 14-20-1 record two years ago. Born in Michigan of Mexican parents, Perez grew up in Central Florida, both in Tampa and Sanford. He emerged from the Obed scrap unscathed, and declared himself ready to go again immediately.

What Perez wanted to do, Obed did. Elisha, a perfect gentleman outside the ring, fought three days later in Nassau and outpointed Sammy Barr, a Perez kayo victim, in 10. Two days after that, the Bahamian boxing board somehow changed that decision to a draw. That rematch should be worth something at the gate, but reports indicate Obed was shafted in his home country.

Obed made many friends during his Orlando visit, although one of them was definitely not Southern junior middleweight champ Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross. Unbeaten in his last 29 starts, Ross wants a piece of Obed in the worst way, and says the sooner the better.

Supporting Obed-Perez was a 10-rounder between Joey Vincent, 148, Orlando, and Bobby Crawford, 150, Chicago.

Vincent, fighting without cornerperson Pam (the long, lanky blonde bombshell) for the first time in more than a year, halted Crawford in the sixth. As usual, Joey had the fans on their feet throughout, more than living up to his name of "Mr. Excitement." Vincent (27-4-2, 23 KOs) can punch, probably the best one-shot banger in Central Florida, but bad legs from an auto accident and a chronic bad chin make him destined to always remain a top club fighter. Still, he is the best single gate attraction in Orlando.

Milton Owens, 161, Orlando, passed his biggest test with a close but clear six-round decision over Eddie Davis, 159, Tampa. It was the fifth straight win without defeat for Milt, now known as the "Black Widow."

Scott (Golden Boy) Clark, 144, Orlando, whacked out game Buddy Nabors, 142, Miami, in the second of a scheduled six. Clark's right lead rarely missed as the 18-year-old showed steady improvement in boosting his record to 7-1.

▲Orlando — The smallest turnout of the year showed as Pete Ashlock bucked a baseball playoff game between Kansas City and New York. Fighting three weeks after his heroic stand against Elisha Obed, Taco Perez got back on the winning track.

Perez, 158, Sanford, won via disqualification over Roger (Animal) Phillips, 164, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, when Phillips left the ring in the third round. Prior to that, referee Jack Blake had his hands full as both men butted, thumbed, kicked, and mauled in a back-alley brawl that had the fans in an uproar.

Phillips was subbing for Emmett Atlas, on a substitute-riddled show that had more holes in it than a chain link fence.

A hastily assembled semifinal 10-rounder ended in the first when world ranked Irish Gene Wells, 153, Orlando, belted out veteran Don Lutz, 157, Milwaukee, in the first round. It was an easy job for Wells, who became available when his match a week later against Pete Ranzany was postponed. Lutz, meanwhile, filled in for New England's D. C. Walker, who was arrested following an altercation in Hartford, Connecticut, just before leaving for Orlando.

Milton Owens, 163, Orlando, looked off against Johnny Evans, 165, Miami, in a six. Owens won his sixth straight, but didn't impress. Frankie Santore, 134, Orlando, had an easy one by TKOing Teddy Ford, 137, Miami, in the first. Ford was a sub for a sub.

Heavyweight Johnny Boudreaux, scheduled to meet Joe Maye in the semifinal 10, didn't show. Boudreaux reported in from Houston two days before the fight with an injured arm.

On the amateur undercard, Orlando prospects James Salerno and Hurricane Hayden scored impressive wins.

▲Corpus Christi — Southern lightweight king Termite Watkins easily outpointed Art Leon in the feature 10-rounder to run his record to 29-1. It was the fourth straight win for Termite, a 20-year-old phenom managed by his dad, Bill Watkins, and Orlando's Pete Ashlock. The Termite is a brilliant prospect, regarded by many as a sure bet to become champion within two years.

▲Notes 'n' Quotes: Orlando is completing a year of fight promotion without one line of publicity from the only daily paper, the Sentinel Star. The policy does not reflect a sports department decision, but rather that of the front office of the paper . . . two young white amateur heavyweights are being trained by Dominick Polo at the Orlando Sports Stadium Gym. They are Jack Warren, former U of Miami footballer managed by Pete Ashlock, and Harry Davidson, guided by millionaire sportsman Charles Whitfield Joyner . . . Max Hord, tough Fernandina Beach welterweight, is keeping the sport alive in northern Florida with amateur cards, while over on the Space Coast, Melbourne will begin running under the direction of new promoter George Hinch.

To middleweight Vinnie Curto has been released by Angelo Dundee and signed by Pete Ashlock. However, the unpredictable Curto has been off on a tangent somewhere, running true to form by rarely showing for training sessions. Ashlock has him locked up for five years . . . Irish Gene Wells and Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, both ranked among the top junior middleweights in the U.S. by The RING, are vying for a shot at the world title . . .

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

THE saga of Les Darcy, famous Australian middleweight who passed away at Memphis, Tennessee, while he was attempting to fight in America, carries on. Recently Les's brother Joe, the youngest of the clan, paid a visit to RING MAGAZINE. Darcy, who succumbed on May 24, 1917, from a tooth infection, had been scheduled for a fight in New York's Madison Square Garden. There was a hullabaloo over his leaving his native home while World War I was on, and it actually left him the victim of a broken heart because of the charge that he had skipped his native land to avoid military duty. That is ancient history now.

Darcy's coming to America and his passing away here was one of the real tragedies of the prize ring. He had been acclaimed as Australia's greatest.

Not long ago, Joe Darcy, now 61, youngest brother of Les, made a special visit to New York and was the guest of Harry Warren, RING correspondent and boxing editor of the "Bronx Home News." Joe was escorted to the gym of the late Bobby Gleason and also visited the RING offices where he was impressed with our Hall of Fame, to which his late brother had been elected in 1957.

Brother Joe dropped the news that out of eleven children, 6 brothers and 5 sisters, three boys and two sisters are still living. The younger Darcy is very much wrapped up in boxing. He is a well known referee and judge with the New South Wales A.B.A. and had officiated in over 3,500 contests. Now devoting all his time to boxing, following retiring from his hotel business in Singleton, N.S.W., Joe spends his time nowadays participating as a pro referee and most of his time is taken up in traveling.

Lou Jallos, colorful figure in boxing all his life, was busy greeting Jack Dempsey, Floyd Patterson and all his pals at our 90th birthday party thrown by our good friend, Arnold 'Ossie' Feldman at the popular Colony Restaurant on 7th Avenue. Jallos, who was 66 on October 3 last, was born in Canton, Ohio, but at the young age of four his family moved to Cleveland where he started his fistic fireworks. Lou had made the trip to the party from his home in Farmington, Michigan, his wife Melba being unable to come with him.

As Jallos tells his story, he left college at

The late Les Darcy, famous Australian middleweight.

twenty. Later, Damon Runyon, famed newspaperman, brought him to New York. All together genial Lou, who was a lightweight, performed in 65 fights, and among those whom he faced were two men who became champions, Barney Ross and Fritzie Zivic. Some of his other competion were Stan Loayza, Joey Coster, Al Portney, Baby Salvy Saban and Murray Brandt. Later on the late Billy McCarney, after breaking up with the late Joe Jacobs, was his manager. Mallos travelled a lot, spending six years in New York, before going back to Cleveland and then Los Angeles. He even performed in a Mexican bull ring.

Jallos really started to jell after he moved to Detroit where he became a referee and a very good one. It was at this time that he hooked up with the Ford Motor Company as a personal security guard for Henry Ford II and family and Bill Ford and family. A year ago he was pensioned, and since then he and his wife have been doing extensive travelling around the world. The Jallos's have two children, Jerry, who is 31 and single, and Michael, who is 28 and married. Jerry is with the International Division of American Motors, and Henry is resident manager with his office in Southfield, a Detroit suburb.

Speaking of Louis Jallos, he brought us some news about the boys in his area. Wesley Ramey, the crack lightweight managed by the late Peter Reilly, still has his bar and is employed with a city post in the recreation department in his home town of Grand Rapids. He also mentioned that Chuck Davies, middleweight star from Detroit, is still chairman of the Detroit Athletic Commission, while Leonard McCarthy has retired after spending ten years with the Michigan Board. Which also reminds us that Jallos told us that George Zaharias, husband of the late Babe Diedrickson, world's greatest woman athlete, was ill in Tampa, Florida. George, whom Lou visits quite frequently by plane from Michigan, was a wrestling star in the Jim Londos' era and also a good friend of ours and the late Nat Fleischer.

Glad to again hear from our good friend and former Akron Junior welterweight champion Don Williams along with some fistic items. One concerns Barberton's famous boxing arena, which had its inception back in 1902, with a capacity of 800 including standing room. In this arena such stars of yesteryear as Eddie Anderson, Al Corbett, Willie Ames, Artie Root, Maxie Holub, Norm Genet, Leo Genet, Tiger Flowers, Marty Burke, Mike Sullivan, Bill Brennan, Kid Norfolk, Jack (Kid) Wolfe, Louis D'Arco, Paul Girard, Dick Evans, and Joey Abrams, among others, strutted their stuff. Historian Harold J. Walsh, who remembers when the structure was erected, recalls the past and moans the passing of this historic sport spot. Our friend Don also tells us that besides Walsh, another popular boxing scribe in his locale is Phil Dietrich, part time writer for the Beacon Journal. Don, a great admirer of Ruby Goldstein, great fighter and referee of yesteryear, would welcome a picture of the "pride of the east side."

In our comments about Lou Jallos, we forgot to mention that the historic Olympia in Detroit, Michigan, is scheduled to be torn down and rebuilt in the suburbs. The section is outmoded and Lou adds that what the city needs is a few more cops of the vintage of our late pal, Johnny Broderick. Claims crime, like in other cities around the country, is the big problem.

We remember the Olympia well, where Tex Rickard inaugurated the club with a ten round bout between Tom Heeney, the man from "Down Under," and Johnny Risko, famous "Rubber Man" from Cleveland, which gave Heeney a shot at Gene Tunney's crown. Also, it was where we broadcasted the twenty round shuffle between Joe Louis and Abe Simon that wound up in round thirteen, with New York's entry for heavyweight laurels still protesting as the referee intervened. They had many other great

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

A lot of west coast railbirds are comparing the 22 year old Mexican import, Carlos Zarate, with former world champion, Ruben Olivares. The kid, Zarate, is tremendous—annexing the W.B.C. bantamweight crown and amassing a record of 41-wins via the kayo route, in his first 42 times to the post. He told this writer recently—"I have not reached my peak as yet." Charley Shipes, who had just "signed on" as another of George Foreman's "advisors"—(he seems to be surrounded with them)—was arrested with his wife on drug selling charges—this won't help the ex-champ's mental gynmastics—!! Ex-welterweight champion, Fritzie Zivic is a $5.70 an-hour boilermaker in his native Pittsburgh— . . . Mike Morton, who manages most of the "name" fighters to come out of the great northwest—(operating out of Portland, Oregon)—added a youngster named Steve Asher, 21, a former footballer and wrestler to his stable of boxers . . . Asher has never had a fight—never even been to a fight—a Vietnam veteran of the Marine Corps, Asher said—"I'm here to sign a pro fight contract with Mike Morton because I'm white—and I'm a heavyweight. I'm strong as an ox, and got a heart—the motor to be a fighter." Now this kid wants to make a fast "buck"—!!

Frank Pittman, long-time aide to veteran fight manager Allen Moore in San Francisco, has taken out a manager's license in California to handle their stable while Moore recuperates in Franklin Hospital in Frisco following high blood pressure condition . . . . Joe Brown, a New Jersey sportsman, one of the original Cloverlay syndicate members which backed Joe Frazier's career, is the owner of Corniche, an East Side (N.Y.C.) cafe— . . . . My old friend Bobby Kirk, handled boxers for years out of N.Y.C. (our paths crossed many times over the years in arenas married Jean Sebella in San Fernando Valley—but they will make their permanent home in Orlando, Fla.

Didya know that Jersey Joe Walcott persevered for 21 years before he won the heavyweight championship at the age of 37—?? It wasn't that Jersey Joe didn't learn his trade well and early, but rather that Joe Louis and then Ezzard Charles ran out of challengers—this was when Walcott finally got his much deserved chance—and made the most of it. Ernest Borgnine will play Miami Beach fight manager Angelo Dundee in the Muhammad Ali movie story—Marty Balsam will play Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, Ali's doctor and second—why not let Angelo and Dr. Ferdie play themselves??? Mrs. Aileen Eaton took over as promoter when her husband Cal passed away many years ago. She has developed more fistic talent in Los Angeles than anyone before her—Aileen got Jerry Quarry started on the "road to riches" a few years ago.

Boone Kirkman, originally managed by the late Jack Hurley, is once again back in the ring with a new manager, Sal Algieri of New York City.

Boone Kirkman, who was managed by the late, great Jack Hurley years ago-is on his umpteenth comeback. This is the latest word from Seattle . . . he will be under the management of Sal Algieri of N.Y. . . . In 1924 Paddy Ryan and Moose Taussig opened a gym at 312 Leavenworth St., in San Francisco—in 1940 Billy Newman and Joe Herman combined to take it over with a rent of $100 monthly—to house their vast stable of "biffers" . . . . just recently, Billy now 73 years young, assumed full ownership when Joe signed over his half of the Newman-Herman Gym—rent now is $325 monthly— . . . Joe Herman now 75 years young handled all of the top fistic talent to come out of Frisco for over 40 years—just back from a trip with his friend wrestler George Popovich—where they traveled to Seattle—Butte, Montana and back to Frisco in Popovich's "scenic land cruiser" . . . a real active guy is Joe Herman— . . .

Heavyweight Stan Ward, who made his niche when he stopped Jeff Merritt and his manager Jerry Jacobs making up after the fighter wanted to split . . . . Doug Lord, once the manager of welterweight champ, Curtis Cokes, has a young heavyweight named Bruce Grandham, who as Doug puts it "will soon make a big splash in the heavyweight division" . . . . Jack Singer finally sold the fight contract of middleweight Eddie Gregory to a syndicate headed by Stanley Gallant . . . the price $12,500 is the word . . .!!

Carlos Zarate and challenger Paul Ferreri ticked off a very respectable $135,100 (W.B.C. bantamweight title bout) for Magna Verde Promotions at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif. Marvin Hagler, Brockton Blockbuster #2, finally won in Philly, when Cyclone Hart walked back to his corner at the end of the eighth round at the Spectrum and told Sam Solomon, his cornerman, "I quit" . . . .Ed Lassman, owner of Wolfie's 21 Restaurant open day and night at 21st and Collins in Miami Beach also doubles on the Miami Beach Boxing Commission . . .

Jimmy Grippo, at Las Vegas performing as a magician—is the same fellow who piloted Melio Bettina to the world light-heavyweight title—when Melio knocked out Tiger Jack Fox on Feb. 3, 1939 in N.Y.C. in the ninth round . . . Grippo is now 83 years old. Al Bachman, N.Y.C. fight manager who commutes daily—lives in Chappaqua, N.Y., has enrolled his daughter Barbara in Skidmore College—she's a smart girl and wants to learn . . . .Johnny Sties, manager of Big Daddy's restaurant on Miami Beach's Lincoln Road, is glove man for Beach promoter Chris Dundee. . .

Light-heavyweight division is becoming a "mecca of talent" . . . fellows like Lonnie Bennett, ancient Bill Douglas, Jesse Burnett, Marv Johnson—they are all interesting to watch . . . Heard Ragas, New Orleans promoter of repute, is squeezing everything out of Tony Licata, Lou Viscusi's middleweight—trying to bring him back into world contention . . . Joe Brady works with Licata—does an excellent job "in the corner" Wesley Mouzen, former Philadelphia lightweight who knocked out Bob Montgomery but had to retire at the age of 19 because of a detached retina is now living in New York—Wesley is pressing pants in a cleaning establishment for his daily bread and butter. . .

Congratulations to Davey Day, who boxed the great Henry Armstrong many years ago and gave a good account of himself—now is a grandfather—just passed his 64th milestone . . . . When Jack Clark, a 74 year old retired movie stuntman died in Massacre Canyon, Calif., only about a dozen people showed up at the grave site—one of the mourners was Ken Norton, who was a very close pal of Clark's . . . he didn't forget him . . . . Joe Brady has hooked up Lou

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A "NEW" BUGNER

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rounds, but Joe wouldn't retract a word. Dunn then took up the cudgels and said that the only way to prove who was the better man was in the ring. Joe accepted, and for their efforts they shared £75,000, which is big money by British standards.

It may be remembered that five years earlier, when he was 21, Joe was beaten by Jack Bodell, a southpaw. Dunn, too, is a southpaw, and is managed by George Biddles, who also managed Jack. So they were hoping that history would repeat itself.

Whatever some fans may say about Bugner, and they have said plenty, he is a competent boxer who takes a punch well, whereas Dunn is a normally aggressive fighter who likes to come forward, doesn't rely too much on defense and is wont to leave his chin exposed.

Several critics thought this one would go the distance, but they hadn't bargained on the new Bugner, who instead of the usual cautious approach went straight in at the opening bell. Within seconds a short right caught Dunn flush on the chin, and down went the triple champion.

It was difficult to hear the count above the din that the ringsiders were making, but it was probably four or five. Dunn got up, only to meet a Bugner attack that forced him to try and cover up. A left, then another right to the jaw, and Dunn was down again. This time the count was seven, and the writing was on the wall. There was no escape for Dunn. Bugner had seen the green light, and was tossing so many rights that one wag said he had thrown more in that short time than he did against Ali in 15 rounds.

Whatever Dunn may lack in skills, he lacks nothing in courage, but as he hauled himself off the canvas for the second time he must have known that the end of his reign was near. Richard was practically defenseless as he stood there swaying helplessly, and Bugner soon put him out of his misery with a right hook that seemed to lift the champion off his feet before depositing him flat on his back, arms and legs outstretched.

Referee Harry Gibbs counted him out, but even as he completed the fatal "ten," Dunn was scrambling up, trying to get to his feet and lurching all over the place. One could not help but admire his sheer guts. Unfortunately, that wasn't enough.

Bugner could not be blamed for doing his victory dance, and the crowd, probably most of whom formerly booed him whenever he got into the ring, cheered him to the echo. There's none so fickle as a fight fan. You're only as good as your last result.

Many have never forgiven Joe for beating Henry Cooper, and it was Cooper, there to provide the inter-round summaries on the radio broadcast of the fight, who got the most cheers before the contest, along with John Conteh, who has just successfully defended his world light heavyweight title in Denmark.

On a night like this everyone involved had something to say, and a few quotes worthy of mention follow.

HARRY LEVENE. "Wonderful performance. Bugner can still fight his way to the heavyweight championship of the world."

JOE BUGNER. "This was probably my most satisfying performance, as I had proved my point. After the first right hand had landed and he went down, I knew I had him. You can always tell when a boxer gets up quickly and tries to pretend he hasn't been hurt. Then you know he has been. There was so much pride at stake, and I wanted to win this one in a manner that left no room for doubt. There is no malice or hate. The fight is over. I'm the champ again. Dunn is the ex-champ. As to the future, I am going home to have a think. I am not making up my mind immediately, although I do realize that the door is open for bigger things."

RICHARD DUNN. "He caught me cold. I didn't expect anything like that. But that's how it goes. Naturally my pride is hurt. I'd like to fight the fight all over again. Retire? Why should I? I'm too young yet" (he's 31).

ANDY SMITH (Bugner's manager). "I've been telling you for years that one day you'll see the real Joe Bugner. This is the night he found himself. You saw a new Joe Bugner. In this form and mood nothing is beyond his capabilities."

JANET DUNN (Richard's wife). "We all knew that the one who landed the first decisive punch would win, and that's what happened. You can't win 'em all."

MELODY BUGNER (Joe's wife). "I didn't expect Joe to win so quickly. I thought he would knock out Dunn in the second round. As to the future, that's up to Joe. He will make the decision."

HENRY COOPER. "If Bugner had fought like this in his last nine or ten fights he would have had the public behind him like they were tonight. I think Dunn should now retire. He's earned a lot more money than perhaps he ever thought possible at one time."

The fact that Bugner has stated he will have a think about his future must pose problems for a number of people. After all, before the fight Joe came to an agreement with the British Boxing Board of Control that if he won he would defend his British crown against the winner of the final eliminating contest between Denton Ruddock and Billy Aird. Yet through it all he has always stated that he planned to settle in America, come what may. Also, it is difficult to imagine that Bugner would draw a very large purse for a defense of his British title, which would automatically involve his European and Commonwealth crowns. Already there is talk of a fight against George Foreman or Ken Norton, where the pickings would be much greater, and if he did opt to meet an American *instead* of defending his British title, the Board of Control would undoubtedly take away his license. Not that this would worry him unduly if he were going to settle in California.

All in all, a difficult situation. Bugner's decision will be awaited with interest, especially by British promoters, who would obviously want to cash in on Joe's sensational win over Dunn.

On the undercard:

John L. Gardner, Britain, 207, gained an unpopular 8 rounds points win over Joe Gholstone, USA, 205; David Green, Britain, the British light-welter champ, 142, stopped Ugo DiPietro, Italy, 142, in round one; Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, British feather champion, outpointed George Turpin, Livermore, over 8, both inside 128; Jim Watt, British lightweight champion, 136¾, stopped Franco Diana, Italy, 135¾, in six. John Waldron, Poplar, beat Carlton Benoit, Finsbury Park, at the end of the third; light-heavy Greg Evans, Liverpool, won over 6 against Terry Armstrong, Manchester.

ARRINGTON BEATS ROMAN

By JOHN NOLEN

Seattle — Ibar "The Sailor" Arrington, 192, Everett, Washington, ran his record to 19-1-1 with a split, 10-round decision over Joe "King" Roman, 189, Tampa.

Arrington, who became Northwest's 'white hope' when Kirkman retired—and thus is drawing anywhere from $15-$30,000 every time he fights up here—seemed to play games with Roman, sticking out his chin, daring Roman to hit him (which Roman did countless times, before finally giving up). Arrington fought only in spurts, which is quite unlike him, thus the split decision (97-96 and 98-97 for Arrington, then 97-97 draw).

Other fights on Joe Williams' Global Productions card:

Pat Duncan, 206, Spirit Lake, Idaho, TKO-8th over George Jerome, 224, Vancouver, B.C.

Babala McCarthy, 152, San Francisco, TKO-9th over Larry Smith, 149, Tacoma, Washington.

Tom Sullivan, 176, Portland, Oregon, KO-47 second of 2nd over Les Vegas, 175, Vancouver, B.C. (Sullivan's 2nd win since turning pro in September).

Daryl Penn, 147, Portland, split dec.-6 rounds over Steve Tohill 163 (correct weights!), Vancouver, B.C.

Attendance 4,900, gate $26,000.

Ibar making so much money that Boone Kirkman is coming out of retirement at age of 31 to fight him. It'll be next year, of course, and already they're forecasting a gate of $100,000 for Seattle. They'll probably get it, too.

McGARVEY RUNS STREAK TO THIRTY

By JIM McCLOY

Wilmington, Delaware — J. Russell Peltz's second show of the year at Fournier Hall proved a fistic success. Only one bout on the card lasted the distance.

In the main event, Ron McGarvey, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, junior lightweight, extended his unbeaten streak to thirty, twenty by knockout, when he TKO'd Natalio Jiminez of the Dominican Republic at 1:10 of the sixth round. The two put on a fine boxing exhibition in the early rounds. However, McGarvey's reach advantage and stiff, accurate punches caught up with Jiminez and referee Hank Cisco stopped the affair. Jiminez's corner and the fans thought the end was called prematurely.

In the semi-final scheduled for eight, up-and-coming middleweight Rudy Donato, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dropped the veteran Dave Dittmar, Philadelphia, with a vicious right in the sixth round. Dittmar managed to beat the count, but was unable to continue at 1:44 of the round.

Heavyweight Joe Barbizzi, Wilmington, Delaware, charged out at the opening bell throwing shots from every angle at giant James Yarborough, Chester, Pennsylvania. Barbizzi knocked Yarborough down quickly and then pinned him in the corner. The referee stopped it in 51 seconds of the first.

Ray Davis, Atlantic City, N. J. threw too many punches for Greg Hackett, Chester, Pa. and TKO'd him in 1:40 of the sixth. Hackett was down three times. They're middleweights.

Dan Snyder, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, outslugged Kevin Moefield, Philadelphia, in winning a four-round middleweight bout.

In the bantamweight opener Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, made it four in a row as a pro when Larry Huffin, Atlantic City, was unable to answer the bell for round four.

Recent photo of Joe Louis, left, taken in Las Vegas where he spends much of his time, catches him with ex-heavyweight contender Lou Nova, center, and actor Mike Mazurki.

Where are the Ring Stars of Yesteryear?

By JESS HERNANDEZ

LOS ANGELES, California — Where are they now, the former hell-for-bent all-time fistic marvels whose colorful careers spanned boxing's golden years? How has fate and fickle fame treated the storied cauliflower alley ring wonders of the turbulent '40s and '50s?

Let's trickle down memory lane and showcase a retrospect of yesterday's ring heroes. Remember Sugar Ray Robinson, the five time middleweight king of the '50s and '60s? Rated the greatest pound-for-pound ring champion, fate has smiled gently on the former ring terror. For the better part of five years, Robinson has headed the Sugar Ray Youth Foundation in Los Angeles, working with the underprivileged kids of America. Robinson, who earned millions inside the ring during a career in which he engaged in 202 fights, sponsors boxing tournaments for amateur kids. "I love kids and have dedicated my life to working with them," said Sugar Ray.

Another former ring immortal working with the youth of America is Archie Moore, the ex-light heavyweight king and heavyweight contender. Moore lives in San Diego, California, and is very much involved in the heavyweight whirligig. He worked with George Foreman in his fight with Muhammad Ali, in which the latter regained the title. Moore has appeared in several movies, like "Huckleberry Finn," and when not working in Hollywood, has devoted much of his time and energy to his Archie Moore Youth Program in San Diego. Archie won the 175-pound crown in 1952 from Joey Maxim and fought Floyd Patterson and Rocky Marciano for the heavyweight title.

Remember brawling fistic legend Gene Fullmer, the middleweight champ of the '60s? Fullmer won the 160-pound crown from Ray Robinson in 1957 and lost it to the late Dick Tiger. Gene fought Sugar Ray four times, winning twice and losing the title on a one-punch knockout. Fullmer now lives in Utah, where he owns a bank and raises mink. Gene works with kids in the National Golden Gloves and has two sons fighting in the amateurs. "I made Robinson famous. When he knocked me out to win the title, he became a five-time champion," Fullmer lamented.

Former welterweight champ Tony DeMarco, who knocked out Johnny Saxton in 1955 to win the welterweight diadem, owns a night club in Phoenix, Arizona. DeMarco was involved in a pair of ring classics with Carmen Basilio in the '50s.

Colorful boxer Art Aragon, who fought Basilio, Paddy DeMarco and Vince Martinez, is now a busy character actor in Hollywood. Dubbed the "Golden Boy," Aragon remains the most colorful and number 1 drawing card on the West Coast. In 1958, Aragon and Carmen Basilio lured 20,000 fans into Wrigley Field, Los Angeles to watch Basilio butcher the Golden Boy. The Aragon-Basilio gate of $236,521 remains the

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Gomez, Ranzany, Hernandez Win

STOCKTON — Veteran Famoso Gomez, 125¾, Mexico City, was just too ringwise for Colly Saloma, 126, of the Philippines, in the 10-round main event at Civic Auditorium.

Gomez, a 10-year professional, out-boxed Saloma in all departments. The gate of $8,020 made the show a winner for the New Stockton Boxing Club.

Other results: Ron Whyte, 172, Stockton, won a KO over Freddie Gilbert, 167, Sacramento, (3); Alfred Lorona, 139, Stockton, and Jose Talamantez, 138½, Mexico, drew (6); Reynaldo Zaragoza, 128½, Mexico, took a KO over Gustavo Saucedo, 132, Stockton, (1).

Veteran Famoso Gomez, of Mexico City, beat Colly Saloma, of the Philippines, over ten rounds.

▲LOS ANGELES — It was win number 14 for young Alberto Sandoval in the feature event at the Olympic Auditorium.

The Pomona bantamweight won going away over tough Young Casanova of Mexicali, Mexico, in the 10-round windup, but he had to hustle in every round.

Favored by a 2-1 count to register a knockout, the "Superfly" failed to score even a knockdown over his game rival.

Referee Larry Rozadilla tabbed it 99-92; judge George Latka, 98-92 and judge Dr. Jen Kin, 98-92.

Sandoval, who just turned 21, is a former national amateur champion and has boxed in such places as Russia, Rumania, Italy, Venezuela and Cuba.

When he is not in the ring or gym, Albert works as a cook at a restaurant in Pomona, which is 30 miles from Los Angeles.

Other results: Manuel Castellano, 126, Los Angeles, KO'd Sonny Hernandez, 126, East Los Angeles, (3); Francisco Flores, 127, San Fernando, and Johnny Jensen, 127½, Los Angeles, drew (7); Rick Weigel, 155½, Los Angeles, won a decision over Armando Alatorrem, 157, Mexico, (4).

▲SACRAMENTO — High ranking welterweight contender Pete Ranzany continued his winning ways with an easy second round knockout over Rudy Barro, 147, Manila, P.I., at Memorial Auditorium.

Ranzany, 148, Sacramento, had no problems in disposing of Barro with a variety of punches.

It was another top gate for promoter Babe Griffin, with 2,345 folks paying $16, 441.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Hildo Silva, 169, San Diego, and Butch Geiggar, 165, Los Angeles, boxed to a five-round technical draw. Silva suffered a cut from an accidental butt.

Other results: Albert Guevara, 139, Sacramento, won a KO over Dave Kibby, 139, Eureka, (4); In a women's match, Gwen Gemini, 142, San Francisco, and Princess Red Star, 143, Eureka, drew (4).

▲FRESNO — Roy Hernandez, crack Los Angeles featherweight, was an impressive five-round knockout winner over Jorge Mejia, 127, Mexico, in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Other bouts: Russell Pope, 149½, Fresno, KO'd Francisco Ortega, 148, Mexico, (1); Jose Rodriguez, 129, Los Angeles won a decision over Alejandro Rodriguez, 129, Mexico, (4).

▲LOS ANGELES — Showing signs of rust, following an 18-month layoff, Benny Rodriguez, 121¼, still had enough fire to handle Sergio Ayala, 123, Mexico, in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns and Rodriguez dominated the fight in seven of the ten rounds. He was idle because of a leg injury suffered in a training workout.

Benny is from Los Angeles and now has a 25-2 record.

Other results: Tosh Nambu, 148, Tokyo, won a decision over Jesus Monrreal, 143½, Los Angeles, (4); Oscar Muniz, 118, Montebello, KO'd Anulfo Martinez, 117, Mexico, (5); Phelps Se'e, 215, Samoa, decisioned Joe Garcia, 196, Los Angeles, (4).

▲LOS ANGELES — Now campaigning as a welterweight, former ranking lightweigh Randy Shields found the mark with a sticking left jab to out score Ramiro Bolanos of Ecuador in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Out of action for seven months because of a hand ailment, Randy couldn't register a knockdown, but was just too strong for his South American rival.

The scoring went like this: Referee George Latka, 97-93; judge Gil Jen Kim, 97-94 and judge Marty Denkin, 96-94.

Randy, who is from North Hollywood, weighed 144; Bolanos, 144½.

Other results: Lady Tiger Trimiar, 132, New York, decisioned Masako Takatsuki, 135, Japan (women) (4); Kid Dinamita, 139, Los Angeles, won a decision over Gilbert Valdez, 143, East Los Angeles, (4); Genaro Gloria, 136, Mexico, decisioned Raul Monge, 135, Los Angeles, (4); Carl Alcivar, 118, Montebello, won a decision over Anulfio Martinez, Mexico, (4).

▲LOS ANGELES — Despite being handicaped with a cut over the bridge of his nose in the first round, Alfonso Jimenez, 135½, Mexico City, came on strong to edge Chile's Juan Garcia, 136, in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Jimenez was the aggressor throughout the fight and was in command in the early and late rounds.

The verdict was unanimous, giving Jimenez a 17-3 mark.

Other results: Manuel Castellanos, 125, Los Angeles, won a decision over Rudy Ramirez, 124, Mexico, (7); Raul Monge, 136, Los Angeles, decisioned Joe Dominguez, 134, East Los Angeles, (4).

RUBALDINO HALTS RODOLPHO MARTINEZ

By EDUARDO AMER

Reynosa, Tamaulipas — Roberto "Kid" Rubaldino, 119, upset the gang when he won by a TKO over Rodolfo Martinez, 119, in four. Alfredo Pitalua, 125, of Colombia, TKO'd Tony Garcia, 111, in six. Gerardo Heredia, 118, TKO'd Antonio Leon, 119, in five rounds.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Manuel Elizondo, 160, TKO'd Sergio Lozano, 158, in nine, to retain Mexican middleweight title. Ruben Rivera, 174, TKO'd Sabino Villanueva, 185, in seven, to retain heavyweight crown of Nuevo Leon State. Isamel Ruiz, 210, stopped Juan Olvera, 206, in two. Roberto Campos, 129, won from German Alvarado, 134, in six. Isidro Martinez, 145, iced Arturo Lara, 146, in one.

▲Culiacan, Sinaloa — Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, 134, beat Ricardo Arredondo, 138, in ten. Memo Ayala, 112, halted Nacho Beltran, 112, in two.

▲Mexico City — Fabian Palma, 117, decisioned Sergio Cabrera, 118, in ten. Juan Manuel Arroyo, 134, and Agustin Martinez, 134, drew in ten. Tino Nunez, 125, whipped Nacho Rivera, 125, in eight. Fidencio Gonzalez, 124, TKO'd Emilio Martinez, 125, in six. Fidel Lopez, 135, outpointed Jaime Carrasco, 134, in four.

▲El Mante, Tamaulipas — Ernesto Davis, 134, of Panama, defeated Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 133, in ten.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Lorenzo "Cuervo" Noriolu, 111, TKO'd Pedro Ventura, 111, in eight. Ernesto "Zurdo" Espinosa, 134, TKO'd Rosenberg Macias, 134, in seven. Roberto Ramos, 111, won by a disqualification over Sandy Bautista, 111, in five.

▲Can Cun, Quintana Roo — Freddy Castillo, 111, whipped Arturo Delgado, 112, in ten. Sergio "Gato" Martinez, 118, embalmed Jose "Pelucas" Acosta, 117, in two. Juan Hernandez, 125, TKO'd Ruben Uc, 126, in one. Ariel Rodriguez, 116, kayoed "Relampago" Escalante, 117, in four.

▲Mexico City — Jose Sanchez, 126, outscored Rosalio Badillo, 125, in ten. Amado "Panterita" Ursua, 111, TKO'd Antonio Sanchez, 112, in four. Javier Solis, 116, TKO'd Juan Granados, 118, in eight. Jose Ruiz, nailed Jorge Ramirez, 118, in two. Baltazar Espana, 110, bested Severo Bravo, 113, in four.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Jimmy Fernandez, 114, knocked out Pablito Galicia, 115, in two. Danny Gutierrez, 117, beat "Punos de oro", 117, in 10.

▲Culiacan, Sinaloa — Aurelio Muniz, 134, and Jose Luis Soberanes, 135, drew in ten.

▲Catzacoalcos, Veracruz — Antonio Nava, TKO'd Jimmy Clark, of Belize, in the tenth and last round. Pedro "Maravilla" Rodriguez, 117, decisioned Miguel "Rancherito" Fernandez, 118, in ten.

▲Mexico City — Mauro Armenta, 112, TKO'd Fidel Trejo, 111, in seven. Amado "Costeno" Mendoza, 117, stopped Serafin Pacheco, 116, in three. Claro Guzman, 144, won over Nestor Adam, 146, in eight. Jesus Salvador, 114, TKO'd Pedro Garcia, 114, in the first round. Pedro Zamora, 116, TKO'd Mito Castaneda, 116, in two.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Victor Cortes, 124, won by a disqualification from Raul Hernandez, 125, in five. Leo Cisneros, 122, flattened Maximino "Conejo" Melendez, 122, in four. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 111, TKO'd Evaristo Morales, 111, in three.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Arturo Rodriguez, 134, decisioned Francisco Diaz, 135, in ten. Abel Rodriguez, 117, TKO'd Jose Luis Gonzalez, 116, in ten.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Ramon "Changa" Guillen, 114, kayoed "Guero" Escobedo, 113, in two. Jose "Indian" Carmen, 117, knocked out Juan Rodriguez, 117, in eight.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Mario Gatica, 112, stopped Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 113, in five. Freddy Polanco, 111, embalmed Emiliano "Tortuga" Mayoral, 113, in four. Jesus Melo Somoza, 113, bested Santos Nunez, 113, in eight.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Chucho Salcedo, 134, TKO'd Raul Campos, 135, in five. "Pantera" Cruz, 111, Bombed Rodolfo Macias, 111, in two.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Simeon Morales, 114, beat Juan Manuel Hernandez, 113, in ten. Memo Molina, 118, outpointed Ruben Torres, 119, in eight rounds.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — "Memin" Becerra, 118, TKO'd Roberto "Indio" Toxtle, 119, in eight.

▲Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas — Moi Martinez, 189, nailed Geronimo Zuniga, 191, in two.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Ignacio "Negro" Campos, 134, TKO'd Sebastian Echegaray, 133, in three. Rafael Rubio, 111, stopped Baldo Gonzalez, 112, in six. Jose Ramirez, 119, TKO'd Jesus Delgado, 120, in 3.

▲Mexico City — Lalo Cuadros, 118, TKO'd Pedro Sandoval, 118, in nine. Federico Carreno, 117, was stopped by Jorge Morales, 118, in three. Joaquin Acuna, 111, TKO'd Fili Gonzalez, 111, in two. Pat Martinez, 119, TKO'd Felix Reyes, 119, in two. Tony Ramirez, 123, TKO'd Felix Nene, 123, in one.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — "Raton" Perez, 112, defeated Arturo Uruzquieta, 110, in ten. Roberto Ramos, 111, TKO'd Huber Moreno, 111, in 5.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Pedro Alamilla, 117, bested Carmelo "chino" Montes, 117, in ten. Victor Hugo Aguirre, 112, knocked out Alejandro Mejia, 112, in two. Eduardo "Canelo" Adame, 113, destroyed Sergio Castillo, 114, in one.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Eduardo "Chamaco" Limon, 117, TKO'd Rodolfo "Tinieblas" Castillo, 117, in 3.

▲Durango — Gustavo Segura, 135, outpointed Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 137, in 10. Tono Morales, 111, beat Rocky Mijares, 111, in ten.

▲Mexico City — Raymundo Cardoso, 125, TKO'd Pedro Martinez, 125, in four. Jose Mendez, 135, stopped Jose Luis Hernandez, 135, in two. Adrian Gutierrez, 118, TKO'd Manuel Martinez, 118, in eight. Salvador Estrada, 123, whipped Roberto Ramirez, 124, in six. Francisco Gonzalez, 125, TKO'd Fernando Martinez, 126, in one.

▲Campeche — Clemente Perez, 135, decisioned veteran Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 134, in ten.

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ESPADAS OVER LOPEZ

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The crowd was 6,400 and the gate $60-,585. The show was promoted by Magaverde, of Los Angeles. Lopez collected a guarantee of $60,000 for his troubles, Guy just $4,000, but he had no complaints.

Espadas weighed 110, Lopez, 109½.

Rafael (Bazooka) Limon, 125½, Mexico City, used a neat right-left combination to stop Japan's Teru Noji, 129½, midway in the second round. This was a scheduled 10-rounder.

Lupe Pintor, 115½, Mexico City, had no trouble with Jose Rosa, 117, Puerto Rico, winning by a KO in the sixth round.

Other bouts: Matias Marin, 105, Yucatan, decision over Mike Stuart, 107½, Los Angeles, (8); Juan Zarate, 113, Los Angeles, and Ken Yamato, 113½, Los Angeles, drew (4).

GOMEZ OVERPOWERS MURILLO

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too hot to handle.

Former middleweight titleholder Jose, "Chegui" Torres, now a big-wig politician, saw this one and stated that Gomez was all-time number one in Puerto Rican boxing. Join the crowd Jose, there were many at ringside saying the same thing.

Now making San Juan his home base, welter Kevin Morgan came out with murder in his eyes to score a quick kayo over Ramon Serrano.

Serrano could not come out for the second round after taking a sound pasting in the first round from his taller and heftier opponent.

Bantam Luis Burgos continued to look good when he scored a four-round kayo over Juan Rivera. Juan was holding his own when he was clipped just fifteen seconds short of the last round.

Montreal Olympic Welter Carlos Santos took an impressive eight-round verdict from Jose Collantes.

Junior welter Carlos de Leon scored in four over Carlos Soto.

In the closing bout of the evening, feather Puppy Hernandez scored a ten-round decision over Malanga Torres.

Interviewed in his dressing room after the fight, loser Murillo felt that WBA bantam titleholder Alfonso Zamora would do best by staying away from a Wilfredo Gomez title match. "Zamora can punch, but he can't box, while Gomez could outbox and outpunch him," stated Murillo.

Murillo's trainer, Manuel Cancel, also voiced his opinion by saying, "Even WBC titleholder Carlos Zarate, whom I consider superior to Zamora, would be hard pressed to beat this boy."

Because of the impossibility of getting a bout with either Zamora or Zarate, Gomez will be gunning for a match with Royal Kobayashi, who holds the super bantam title.

Many experts feel that this division is lusterless, and that Gomez should go for the 118-pound class. Others feel that he may have a weight problem and prefer that he move up to this recently created 122-pound class. Time will tell.

BOBICK HALTS WEPNER

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this point, because if nothing else, Wepner would never give up and would rather die than quit.

In another ten rounder, world ranked lightweight Edwin Viruet, New York, won a one sided ten-round nod from Argentina's Ricky Camora. This was Viruet's second win since he lost a close decision to lightweight champion Roberto Duran in an over-the-weight match last year.

RUDY HERNANDEZ KNOCKS AT TITLE DOOR

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both welterweights, attended school.

Tenth ranked lightweight in the world, Rudy Hernandez is probably one of the fistic hopefuls of the year, who figures to become the rage and class of welterweights in the near future. Potentially, Rudy has the ring skills and ability to become a world champion. If he can put it all together, watch out. This kid is all class inside the ring!

RING STARS OF YESTERYEAR?

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runner-up non-title bout in California boxing annals.

Perhaps the busiest former boxing great in recent years has been Joe Louis, who resides in Las Vegas. Depleted of his ring earnings since retirement in 1951, Joe is now a greeter for Caesars Palace in the desert spa. Louis globe trots as a public relations agent, and is host of many entertainment specials. A Louis handshake and smile is still good business in the gambling casinos. Joe is probably the best salesman boxing ever produced, and he savors his adulation as the number 1 all time heavyweight champ.

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KOBAYASHI TAKES TITLE

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In the fourth round, with Riasco showing no signs of coming to life, Kobayashi sent looping left hooks to the face of the champion, who immediately grabbed the puncher's arms without fighting back. It was Kobayashi's round.

Jay Edson, imported third man from the U.S., several times cautioned them to break away and fight rather than wrestle.

How negative Riasco was in the fifth and sixth rounds was beyond description. Kobayashi, slower than usual, displayed no improvement. He connected with short punches, which experts all had advised, only to unleash a single wild left and miss too often.

Though Kobayashi seemed not to be in good shape, his change to punching Riasco's breadbasket seemed successful in the sixth round. The shorter Nipponese nailed Riasco against the ropes, and body punches further wearied the Panamanian.

In round seven, with ringsiders booing Riasco's inaction, Kobayashi's well-timed left hook caught the champ's jaw and dropped Riasco prone on the deck. Riasco pulled himself erect to beat the count, but his legs sagged and his body was bent over. However, the bell saved the lanky hombre.

It was in only 48 seconds into the eighth round, when the referee declared a halt to award a kayo win to Kobayashi, who again had dropped Riasco with a strong right to the chin for the mandatory eight count. Riasco, hands down, obviously was unable to continue fighting.

Up to the stoppage, Edson and judge Yusaku Yoshida, of Japan, scored the bout 70-65 and 70-64 for the new champ, while a Panamanian judge, Harmodio Cedeno, tabbed a disputed scoresheet 67-67.

Kobayashi cheerfully said: "I am very happy to respond to the expectations of fight fans. I am happy to have turned pro after I failed to take the gold medal in the Munich Olympic Games four years ago."

Louis Espada, manager of Riasco, gloomily said, "Riasco came to Japan overweight, and the cold weather here prevented him from making the weight smoothly. My boy was quite exhausted from the fifth round, with insufficient energy to continue fighting."

Riasco suffered his seventh setback in 34 outings, against 23 wins and four draws.

Royal Kobayashi has been piloted by Yoshinori Takahashi, who had turned pro after his amateur university career and had a shot at Eddie Perkins' junior welterweight title in 1964, losing in 13 rounds.

Kobayashi entered Japanese self defense school after his high school graduation and became an outstanding amateur, running up a long winning streak. After a controversial loss in the quarterfinals of the 1972 Olympic Games, the dejected Kobayashi was persuaded by Takahashi to try his fists in the professional field. So he did, winning eighteen straight fights with 16 kayoes.

Kobayashi learned much from his first loss, a fifth-round knockout by Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua, for the featherweight title in October 1975. Kobayashi received the 'KO Award' by Tokyo Writers Club for two years.

The new champion is said to have difficulty making even the featherweight limit of 127 pounds. How long he will be able to hold the WBC title depends on his weight control. At times he is said to weigh as much as 145 pounds.

The Japanese has been ordered by the WBC to meet Yum Dong-Kyun, of Korea, the Orient titlist, in 45 days. Yum lost to Riasco in Seoul, Korea, two months earlier.

In a preliminary ten-rounder, Bomber (Shoji) Uchida, 129¼, beat Koji Kunishige, 128, finishing him in the seventh round.

In another tenner, Peter Namboku, an African now living in Japan, decisioned Michihiro Horihata. Both scaled 157¼.

LEGEND LES DARCY

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him (McIntosh) the newspaperman is reported to have told him, "I'll move heaven and earth to see Darcy doesn't get a fight in America if he goes on his own."

Well, that's exactly what Darcy did. He left secretly on the tanker Lettie Luchenberg. His first definite offer was a fight in New York with the winner of the bout between Al McCoy, the world champion, and Jack Dillon. But the smear campaign on Darcy had started. "Governor Whitman, of New York, sent for us." said Mike Hawkins. "'I haven't anything against you, Darcy,' Whitman said. 'A guy named McIntosh must have a lot of pull in Australia, I just cannot allow you to fight here.' "

Hawkins continued, "It was the same result in Cleveland, where we were offered a shot against Rowlands. Again we had the Governor down our necks. Darcy was down in the dumps, when an old opponent, Mick King, sent word he had a fight for him in Memphis. It looked like we had broken the ice. We went to Memphis, Tennessee." But again Mike Hawkins and Les Darcy found there was no fight.

They didn't intend to take this lying down. They went to the Town Hall. No definite promise was given, just an assurance that the officials would investigate. Billy Haack, the promoter; Fred Gilmore, who had fought Darcy in Australia; Mike Hawkins and Darcy were leaving the Town Hall when a press photographer asked them to pose for a picture. The picture was taken, then the group started to move off, when Les Darcy was heard to groan.

Les Darcy couldn't move a hand or foot. He was paralized. It happened just like that. Darcy was taken to a hospital, where it was found that he was poisoned from an infected tooth.

About nine days later, Mick King, Fred Gilmore, Winnie O'Sullivan, Les's fiancee, a girl friend and Mike Hawkins were sitting at his bedside when Darcy told Hawkins, "I'm going to sleep old timer." With that he turned over and died. That was May 24, 1917.

By that time Darcy was known all over America and fans knew of the raw deal he had received. At Darcy's funeral, it was amazing to see the thousands and thousands who filed past his body as it lay in state in a Memphis church. Thousands followed the hearse to the railway station. In Frisco, his body was placed in one of the largest halls. Again, thousands filed past to pay respects to a young lad of 21, who had been so victimized. His body was returned to his native Australia.

Mike Gibbons, who had top billing of the middleweights in Darcy's day, the pride of Milwaukee, never did get to meet Darcy in the ring. Experts of the renowned Darcy span agree that Gibbons would have been counted out had he met the formidable Australian. Pound for pound, the experts agreed, Darcy was incomparable.

Recently, this writer had an interview with Les's younger brother Joe. At 61, Joe was also emphatic that had Jack, now 74, continued as a fighter, he, too, might have attained special honors in boxing. He had won twenty-six bouts, all via the twenty-round route. Out of the family of eleven children, only Jack, Ted, now 72, and Joe remain among the brothers. Three of the sisters have also since died.

Australian boxing authorities were extremely grateful to the late Nat Fleischer, who traveled to Australia to unveil a plaque for the late Les Darcy on behalf of the Maitland Lions Club, in which Les's brother Joe holds office. Joe also is a noted referee in Australia, having referee'd and judged over 4,000 fights, both amateur and professional.

Les Darcy was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame. 1957.

VICTOR GALINDEZ OVER SMITH

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Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The bout itself was all Galindez. Smith moved forward only to be tagged with lefts and rights to the head and body.

Smith's biggest and only moment came in the fourth round, when he landed some blows to the head of the champion. Before the round was over, Kosie was backpedalling from Galindez's two-fisted attack.

Kosie was bleeding from his nose and a cut below the left eye. The last five rounds Victor hit him at will and clowned around for the crowd of 15,000, doing the "Ali Shuffle."

This bout was postponed from the previous Saturday due to rain. It should never have taken place to begin with.

After the bout Galindez said, "Next stop John Conteh. I'll fight him anytime he likes." Conteh, from England, is the WBC champion, The RING holds the title vacant.

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Minter Over Finnegan In 15

AT THE Albert Hall in London Alan Minter, Crawley, 159¼, kept his British middleweight title by outpointing Kevin Finnegan, Iver, 158¾, over 15 rounds. The margin—the narrowest possible—was half a point, 147½–147, and when the result was announced the Finnegan supporters booed loud and long.

It was in fact the same margin as when Minter outpointed Finnegan last November for the vacant title.

From which you would rightly conclude that there is little between these two on all counts, ability, skill, and most important of all, guts.

It is always a pity there has to be a loser in such an excellent fight, but a loser there has to be, and I thought the referee's decision, also the margin, was absolutely right.

All would have been well for Finnegan if he hadn't given Minter a three-rounds start. Having done that, Kevin was always behind, if only by a small margin, and his splendid finish, when he took the last two rounds, was just not enough to clinch the issue.

Indeed, in the ninth round, Finnegan gambled everything on trying for a knockout, or to stop his man. And he so nearly succeeded. It was only southpaw Minter's tremendous courage that kept him in the fight.

Finnegan showed his courage by battling on with cuts over both eyes, and this must have proved quite a handicap. Yet he finished the stronger, and Minter's legs looked wobbly as he strove to stay upright until the final bell.

But stay upright he did, and then came the verdict, and then the booing.

Finnegan took his defeat in sporting fashion, and it wasn't until the following night when both were interviewed on television, that Kevin said he felt sure he had won this one. And nothing Alan said could deter him from his belief.

Minter was modest in victory, saying only that he thought the verdict was correct, and would certainly be prepared to meet Finnegan again, but that he next wanted to fight for the European crown.

If Minter should win the European crown, then obviously there will be a third match with Finnegan with two titles at stake. And that's going to cost the lucky promoter a lot of money.

When they met the first time, Minter put in the final flourish, this time it was Finnegan, and that must give Alan and his mentors food for thought.

Alan Minter successfully defended his British middleweight title by defeating Kevin Finnegan in a very close fight over 15 rounds at Royal Albert Hall in London.

I have talked many times with Minter's manager and father-in-law Doug Bidwell, and it is evident that Alan has been brought along the right lines. The improvement in his approach, his style and his tactics is noticeable, and this is also due in no small way to Bobby Neill, who was called in to impart his knowledge to Alan.

Bobby's been through it all. There's not a lot about boxing and training methods that he doesn't know.

As to the individual rounds, Minter won the first three when Finnegan seemed a bit apprehensive, then the fight fluctuated, both men having their moments, but little between them at any time.

Finnegan had shown no indication of "having a go", so his aggressive spell in the ninth came as a major surprise. Kevin kept the pressure on for the full three minutes after setting his man up with a hard right to the chin that shook Minter.

Alan was in real trouble, but fought back as best he could, and somehow survived. At one point they both fell to the canvas during a hectic exchange, with Minter on top.

Then, just as it seemed that Finnegan had established his superiority, and was all set for victory, he was cut over the left eye.

Worse was to follow. In the tenth he was cut over the right eye and now it was tough going for Kevin. Just how much his assaults in the previous round had taken out of him was difficult to say at this stage, and by the same token no one knew how badly Minter had been hurt.

Finnegan fell to his knees in the eleventh round, but it was only a slip. In the 12th Minter was marked under the right eye, but all the blood was coming from Finnegan's injuries. This looked bad, but often it looks worse than it actually is, and referee Roland Dakin inspected the damage at the end of the round.

The card for Round 14 was shown to ringsiders instead of the card for Round 13, which caused a little confusion, but the fighters weren't bothered, They just kept banging away, both understandably slower now, but Finnegan was the one who set the pace at the start of round 14, throwing some hefty punches with his right, one or two catching Minter forcibly, and making him back up.

This was a good round for Finnegan, but on my scorecard Minter would remain champion as long as he was still standing at the final bell.

As we went into the 15th I had thought that Minter's best plan would be to jab his man at long range and just concentrate on keeping out of trouble.

But when Finnegan came in punching Alan was happy to oblige and this so nearly proved his undoing, as Kevin, the stronger of the two banged away with both hands and had Minter wobbling.

Alan ducked and dodged to avoid this onslaught, he lost his gumshield, and it was all a matter of whether he could last out that final minute. It was typical of the tremendous courage shown by both men that he did. That was enough to give him the verdict.

This also meant that Alan won the Lonsdale Belt outright, with victories over Finnegan (twice) and Bill Knight. On television he said that uppermost in his mind during that final three minutes was that just before he left home his wife said to him; "Mind you bring back that Belt, Alan."

"That spurred me on," said Alan. "That was my incentive to keep going. I couldn't disappoint her."

And a fortnight afterwards Minter became the father of a baby girl.

Dave Green, the British light-welterweight champion, 141½, disposed of Frenchman Jean-Pierre Younsi, 138½, in 2:50 of the first round, the bout being stopped to save Younsi further punishment.

The Frenchman protested at the referee's intervention, but was being freely punished by the hard-hitting Green, who never let up as he landed with every punch in the book, and a few that weren't.

This was Green's 18th win in a row, only three of which have gone the scheduled distance. He punched much too hard and often for Younsi, and is now ready for an assault on the European crown.

Bill Knight, Walworth, 163, outpointed Oscar Angus, Aylesbury, 161½, over eight by 80-77½. Angus put up stubborn resistance, and there were boos when the result was announced. Knight, however, deserved his victory, even though he was not as sharp as usual.

Coming after his two-round defeat by Alan Minter, Knight may need a few more fights under his belt before getting back to peak form.

Angus revealed a lot of determination, and was obviously out to cause an upset over his more highly-regarded opponent. He landed right crosses, and Billy's timing seem a little awry.

Rarely was Knight able to put together the combinations of which he is capable, but the cleaner punching came from him, and in the later stages he was getting home with good body shots.

A correct result, but the scoreline looked closer.

In an excellent scrap Southern Area featherweight champion Mark Bliss, Tottenham, 128, overcame the handicap of a severe cut over the left eye to outpoint substitute Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 129¼ over ten by 99½–96½.

Bliss looked in command for the first three rounds, but a clash of heads in the fourth left Bliss with an eye injury. From then on it bled, then stopped, then bled again, but like a true pro Bliss didn't allow it to worry him, and just got on with the job.

Southpaw Wright took new heart, and landed some good hooks to the head in the eighth, at the end of which Wright extended his arms skywards, obviously thinking it was all over.

Instead, he had two more rounds to box, and Bliss remained strong to win without doubt.

Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 126, kayoed southpaw Roger Doyle, Bedford, in 2:50 of the first round to chalk up his ninth successive victory. Doyle was decked by a left hook, got up at three, then was felled again for the full count with a right cross.

Jimme Batten, Millwall, 155, beat substitute Jeff Burns, Swansea, 160½, the bout being stopped in the third.

Burns' left eye was injured in the first round, and although he was plucky enough Batten slowed him up with stiff body punches until he had little resistance.

▲Digbeth Civic Hall — Brian Huckfield, Tipton, 178, outpointed Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 212, over eight twos by 79½–79. Huckfield thus kept his unbeaten record in eleven bouts, but it was so close that there were many who didn't agree with the verdict.

O'Connor looked on top at the half-way stage by good jabbing yet it was Huckfield who lasted the pace better. O'Connor tired in the later stages, and incurred warnings for holding.

It was O'Connor's first defeat in nine bouts, and Huckfield did well to give away so much weight, height and reach.

With both boxers unbeaten, something had to go, barring a draw, and the man who kept his record was Tony Sibson, 18-year-old Leicester middle, who beat Bobby McKenzie, cardiff, 163, the referee intervening in the seventh after McKenzie had risen unsteadily from a knockdown in the previous round.

Debutant Kevin Davies, Nottingham, 143, outscored Dave Massey, Manchester, 141, over six by 59–58.

Another debutant, Neville Estaban, Manchester, 164, also made a winning start when he beat Leroy Herriott, Tredegar 164, at the end of the sixth on a cut eye.

Dave Owens, Castleford, 163, kayoed Carl McCarthy, Belfast, 162, in the second round with a right hand.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club Manchester — Billy Graham, Manchester, 160½, beat southpaw Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 162, the bout being stopped in the seventh of a scheduled eight, but there were strong protests from Burnett and his mentors.

Burnett was on top in the early stages, and Graham was gradually getting back into the fight when the stoppage came. At that point Burnett was caught with a right to the chin and wobbled.

The referee allowed the action to continue for another half-minute, then intervened, with Burnett "unable to defend himself," something with which Graham obviously did not agree.

Terry Schofield, Bishop Auckland, 150, outscored Billy Ahearne, Manchester, 149½, over eight twos by 79–78½.

Winston Cousins, Manchester, 177, outpointed Johnny Cox, Northampton, also over eight twos, and also by 79–78½. Cox survived a cut over the right eye in the opening session.

Eddie Smith, Manchester, 160, outpointed Howard Mills, Huddersfield, 162, over four two's by 39½–39. Debutant Mills impressed in the early stages, but faded slightly for Smith to get the verdict.

▲Manor Place Baths, London — Tony Hudson, Peckham, 149, outscored Terry Schofield, Shildon, 148, over eight two's by 79½–77½. Schofield, now 31, improved after a slow start but could never get on equal terms with his younger opponent.

It was Hudson, managed by Paddy Byrne, the promoter of the show, who cut out the work in the early rounds, and must have established a definite lead at the halfway stage.

Schofield then made his effort, kept busy until the close, and scored with some good right hand shots to the head. But southpaw Hudson remained on top, apart from short periods in the sixth and seventh, and met his opponent punch for punch in the final session.

Nobbins greeted the draw between Dave Hamm, Basildon, 149, and Mick Minter, Crawley, 151, over six. The cleaner punching was provided by Minter.

Dave Connell, Manchester, 125, drew with Wall Angliss, Harrow, 126, over eight two's. Last time they met Angliss won on points.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Joe Bugner (E)
1. Richard Dunn (E)
2. Billy Aird (E)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
5. John L. Gardner (E)
6. Denton Ruddock (J)
7. Tony Moore (E)
8. Danny McAlinden (I)
9. Neville Meade (J)
10. Garfield McEwan (E)

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Tim Wood (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Phil Martin (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Steve Aczel (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
10. Al Gattling (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Month Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Carlos Marks (Tr)
6. Lawrence Haffey (C)
7. Julius Luipa (Zam)
8. Donato Paduano (C)
9. Bill Knight (SK)
10. Semi Bula (A)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Wally Carr (A)
4. Daviano Pellegrini (C)
5. Tony Poole (E)
6. Joe Keresi (Suva)
7. Jim Gillen (A)
8. Jimmy Batten (E)
9. Phil Khan (A)
10. Carl Speare (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. Pat Thomas (SK)
4. Trevor Francis (J)
5. Henry Rhiney (J)
6. Steve Dennis (A)
7. Billy Waith (W)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Peter Morris (E)
10. Jeff Gale (E)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Des Morrison (J)
5. Ross Eadie (A)
6. Gaeton Hart (C)
7. Gordon Kirk (E)
8. Terry Petersen (E)
9. Hugh Smith (E)
10. Kerry Bell (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Barry Michael (A)
3. Andy Broome (A)
4. Matt Ropis (A)
5. Charlie Nash (I)
6. Joey Singleton (E)
7. Len Blackmoore (Guy)
8. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
9. Percy Hayles (J)
10. Colin Powers (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Championship
Vacant
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Art Hafey (C)
3. Vernon Sollas (S)
4. Merv Wockner (A)
5. Alan Richardson (E)
6. David Needham (E)
7. Rony Ryder (A)
8. Tommy Glencross (S)
9. George Turpin (E)
10. Eddie Ndukwu (N)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Wayne Evans (E)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. Steve Walker (A)
8. George Sutton (E)
9. Sam Teser (A)
10. Charlie Parvin (S)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Zam)
1. Gwynne Jones (A)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Charlie Brown (A)
4. Steve Bell (A)

Billy Moeller (A) is the Junior lightweight champion. Official contender is Barry Michael (A).

Danny Connolly, Stepney, 127, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Don Aagesen, Birmingham, 126, over six by 59–58½.

Barry Price, Brighton, 126, outpointed Albert Coley, Birmingham, 137, by 60–59 over six two's.

Kris Smith, Sutton, 235¾, beat Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 221¾, the bout being stopped in the fourth of a scheduled six to save the latter further punishment. When they met before Burrell went the distance, but Smith, was well on top this time, and improved his record to six fights, six wins, five inside the distance.

▲St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow — Hughie Smith, Chapelhall, 142, comfortably outpointed Central Area lightwelterweight champion Jess Harper, Manchester, 141½, over eight by 79½–77½.

Southpaw Kevin Quinn, Manchester, 143, outscored George Peacock, Greenock, 146, by the narrow margin of 79–78½ over eight two's. Little between them at any stage, with perhaps the greater aggression coming from Quinn. Unlucky for Peacock to lose his unbeaten record in this manner.

Tommy Duffy, Wishaw, 136, convincingly outpointed Alan Oag, Edinburgh 131¾, over six by 59½–58½. Best punch came from Duffy, a right to the body just as the second session ended.

Dave Massey, Manchester, 140, drew with Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 144½, over six two's. McMillan started effectively, and although he tired in the later stages he looked to have maintained his lead.

▲Caesars Palace, Luton — British light-heavyweight champion Tim Wood, Leicester, outpointed Danny Fontillio, Tjamesmeade, over ten by 99½–97. Wood's title was not at stake, both being inside the stipulated 177.

Roy Commosioung, Luton, 148¾, drew with Jim Montague, Belfast, over eight.

Roy finished strongly to earn a share of the honours, shaking his southpaw opponent with a body attack in the seventh and Montague had to call on his experience to withstand this aggression.

Les Wint, Tottenham, 146, outscored Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 150, by 60–58 over six. Wint didn't lose a round, and Corrigan was obviously affected by being inactive for ten months.

Sinclair Christie, Ealing, gained a narrow six-rounds points victory over Colin Ward, Northampton, 146, by 59½–59. Ward was caught in the fifth when he came forward, and went down, but jumped up again immediately.

Wood tried hard to get on terms in the last two sessions, and perhaps it was just as well for Christie that it was only a six-rounder.

▲Carousel Club, Manchester — Gerry McBride, Manchester, 124, drew with Lawrence Devanney, Bradford, 124, over eight. When they met early last year over six McBride won on points, but has since been inactive.

Devanney impressed in the early stages, keeping busy and hitting hard, but McBride did his best to bustle in and work at close-quarters. It looked as if all depended on the last round, and this McBride took by his greater work-rate, enabling him to gain a share of the verdict.

Freddie Mills, Salford, 153, got off the canvas in the first round to beat debutant John Cartman, Skipton, 154, the bout being stopped in the second after Cartman had been decked four times.

Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 182, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Tony Monaghan, Derry, 183, over eight by 80–76½.

Billy Ahearne, Manchester, outscored Russ Shaw, Oldham, 146, by 60–57½ over six, not losing a round.

▲York Hall, London — Tommy Dunn, Reading, 133½, retained his Southern Area lightweight title by drawing with Johnny Claydon, 133¾, over twelve rounds—a tough, exciting scrap.

Claydon showed up well early on, and it was quite a while before Dunn got into the fight. Having done so, he improved as the action progressed, and finished strongly.

Whether he had done enough to share the verdict will be argued for a long time, but that was how referee Roland Dakin saw it.

Both were marked. Claydon around the eyes and with a cut mouth, Dunn cut by the left eye and one the right cheekbone.

In the last couple of rounds defences were neglected as each tried to gain the upper hand, and Dunn was particularly impressive in the final session.

Debutant Gary Davidson, Bermondsey, 118½, beat Ian Murray, Manchester, 118½, who was retired by his corner at the end of the fifth because of an eye injury.

In this scheduled eight (2-min.) rounder Gary impressed with some solid punching from both hands, and his body shots in particular hurt his opponent.

Murray countered well at times, but was cut over the left eye in the fifth, and it was all Davidson from then on.

Debutant Chris James, Hackney, 153, beat Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 155, who was retired by his corner at the end of the second.

Corrigan was decked twice, and was cut on the right eyebrow.

Another first-timer, Keith Bussey, Kent, 162, outpointed Joe Jackson, Leicester, 164, over six two's by 60–58. Bussey was unimpressive in the early stages, but was still too busy for Jackson, who was under pressure in the final round.

Dave Owens, Castleford, 162, beat Steve Fenton, Leicester, 163, the bout being stopped in the third after the latter had been down three times.

Jim Evans, Bethnal Green, 198¾, drew with Keith Johnson, Barnsley, 190, over six two's. Fortunes fluctuated in this battle of the big boys, and the result seemed fair.

▲Twentieth Century Sporting Club, Southend — Terry Mintus, Leeds, 197, beat Paul Kinsella, Liverpool, 197, the referee intervening in the third after the latter had been down for nine.

Kinsella was caught with a right cross, and was under pressure when he rose. When they met last year Kinsella won on points, but after adopting his usual aggressive approach at the start found the Mintus right hand a little too much for him.

George Gray, Liverpool, 178, beat Dave Mullings, Tottenham, 177½, the bout being halted in the seventh of a scheduled eight after Mullings had been decked.

Al Neville, Tottenham, 164½, outpointed Howard Mills, Huddersfield, 162 over six two's by 59½–58½.

Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 177, outscored Roy Gumms, Tottenham, 171, over six two's also by 59½–58½.

Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 138, made a satisfactory debut by outpointing Delvin White, Tottenham, 136½, over six two's. The margin of 59–58½ was narrow, but Beauchamp got on the wrong train and was travelling for six hours before arriving just 20 minutes before his contest.

▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, London — Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 147, kept his British welterweight title by outpointing Trevor Francis, over 15 rounds. The scorecard of referee Wally Thom was 147½–147, which was perhaps a little generous to Francis, but this was not a fight to be remembered, both boxing below form.

When they met in 1973 Francis won on points, but on this occasion both were so tentative in their approach that referee Wally Thom, himself a former holder of this title, had to warn them for clinching on numerous occasions, and also reminded them that was a title fight.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

George Foreman kayoed John Dino Dennis, 4.
Duane Bobick halted Chuck Wepner, 6.
Alfio Righetti decisioned Cookie Wallace, 10.
Joe Bugner kayoed Richard Dunn, 1, British & Commonwealth and E.B.U. heavyweight title.
Pat Duncan beat Terry Daniels, 10, halted George Jerome, 8.
Ibar Arrington outpointed Jose Roman, 10.
Earnie Shavers kayoed Henry Clark, 2.
Gilberto Acuna stopped Peter Mullen, 1.
Bill Sharkey beat Joe Maye, 4.
Bernardo Mercado kayoed James J. Woody, 3.
Dennis Jordan halted Jerry Thompkins, 1.
Greg Sorrentino beat Johnny Blaine, 4.
Harold Carter stopped Bill Jackson, 1.
Fonomaur Sekona kayoed Larry Frazier, 1.
Luis Pires outpointed Pablo Castellino, 10.
Lou Esa beat Alexdre Grant, 4.
Mike Dokes halted Al Byrd.
Keith Kelly beat Willie Johnson, 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh outpointed Alvaro Lopez, 15, W.B.C. light heavyweight title.
Victor Galindez decisioned Kosie Smith, 15, W.B.A. light heavyweight title.
Bob Foster again kayoed Al Bolden, 6.
Marvin Camel beat John Towsend, 10.
Tom "The Fighting Irishman" Sullivan kayoed Les Vegas, 2.
Mike Rossman kayoed Christy Elliott, 3.
Otis Gordon stopped Kevin Smith, 1.
Mike Quarry beat Eddie Owens, 10.
Glenn Morgan outpointed Karl Zurheide, 10.
Mate Parlov halted Al Bolden, 9.
Tony Mundine kayoed Victor Attivor, 9, British Commonwealth light heavyweight title.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Gratien Tonna kayoed D. C. Walker, 2.
Kenny Camel drew with Larry Ward, 4.
Daryl Penn beat Steve Tohill, 6.
Casey Gacic outpointed James Words, 10.
Nick Peoples was kayoed by Frank Kolovrat, 3.
Rudy Donato beat Ray Davis, 6.
Vito Antuofermo stopped by Maurice Hope, 15, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Alan Minter beat Kevin Finnegan, 15, British middleweight title.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

Miguel Angel Castillini beat Jose Duran, 15, won World Junior Middleweight Title.
Rocky Mattioli halted Pablo Rodriguez, 2.
Larry Smith stopped Babala McCarthy, 9.
Elisha Obed beat Victor Perez, 10, drew with Sammy Barr, 10.
Maurice Hope kayoed Vito Antuofermo, 15, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Miguel A. Castilini drew with Octavio Escaurice, 10.
Esteban Osuna halted Jorge Peralta, 9.
Miguel de Olivira outpointed Ramon Perez, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

John Turner outpointed Celio Romero, 8.
Angel Robinson Garcia drew with Justice Ortiz, 10.
Bruce Curry kayoed Willie Hearne, 1.
Toni Ortiz beat Marcos Jiminez, 10.
Everaldo Azevedo outpointed Nario Molina, 10.
Jimmy Batton stopped Jeff Burns, 3.
Oscar Ose kayoed Raul Paz, 9.
David Green kayoed Jean Pierre Younsi, 1.
Miguel Fernandez beat David Pavon, 10.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Wilfredo Benitez kayoed Tony Petronelli, 3, retained World Junior Welterweight Title.
Gilbert Galvan halted Gilbert Mares, 3.
Robert Vasquez stopped Lamar Baskin, 2.
Randy Shields beat Ramiro Bolanos, 10.
Dinamita Kid outpointed Gil Valdez, 5.
Nicolino Loche defeated Ricardo Molina, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roberto Duran kayoed Alvaro Rojas, 1, retained World Lightweight Title.
Dom Monaco beat Franco Dianna, 8.
Tony Johnson beat Marion Thomas, 6, Larry Moore, 6.
Alfonso Evans outpointed Elviro Reyes, 8.
Ernest Bing stopped Ron Branch, 6.
Alfonso Jiminez beat Juan Garcia, 10.
Raul Monge stopped Jose Dominguez, 5, beat Genaro Gloria, 4.
Tyger Trimiar outpointed Masako Takatsuki, 4.
Tom Tarantino beat Marion Thomas, 10.
Andrew Ganigan halted Jose Luis Lopez, 3, Rafael Nunez, 2.
Buzzsaw Yamabe kaoyed Mar Basa, 5.
Perico Fernandez beat Miguel Molleda, 8.
Frank Otero decisioned Yves Charlotin, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Samuel Serrano beat Ben Villaflor, 15, Won World Junior Lightweight Title.
Antonio Cruz outpointed Rafael Andujar, 10.
Ronnie McGarvey halted Natalio Jiminez, 6.
Tony Ferroro drew with Steve Crowe, 4.
Reynaldo Zaragoza kayoed Jose Valencia, 3.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Royal Kobayashi kayoed Rigoberto Riasco, 8, W.B.C. junior bantamweight title.
Mike Ayala beat Chango Guillen, 10.
Julio Solano stopped Desiderio Recarey, 5.
Gabriel Cantera halted Jose Medrano, 7.
Eder Jofre decisioned Juan Lopez, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Alfonso Zamora kayoed Soo Hwan-Hong, 12, retained World Bantamweight Title.
Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Jose Murillo.
James Martinez outpointed Ray Carrington, 10.
Sean O'Grady stopped Danny Young, 1.
Jeff Chandler kayoed Larry Huffin, 3.
Joey Maye halted John Alexander, 1.
Kid Chocolate beat Sergio Reyes, 10.
Benny Rodriguez outpointed Sergie Ayala, 10.
Danilo Batista kayoed Jose Flores, 1.
Sulley Shittu beat Heleno Ferreira, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto outpointed Betulio Gonzalez, 15, retained World Flyweight Title.
Gutty Espada kayoed Alfonso Lopez, 13, W.B.A. flyweight title.
Yoko Gushiken stopped Juan Guzman, 7, W.B.A. junior flyweight title.
Luis Estaba halted Rodolfo Rodriguez, 10 W.B.C. junior flyweight title.
Tony Moreno beat Joe Rodriguez, 10.
Al Sandoval decisioned Young Casanova, 10.

CONTEH RETAINS TITLE

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the roar of the crowd, the smell of battle, and on May 8 last year he re-entered the lists with a three-round knockout of Al Bolden. In August he followed up with a ten-round points win over Harold Carter.

Foster is no stranger to British fans. In 1972 he defended his title against Chris Finnegan, in London, scoring a fourteenth-round kayo.

Conteh's right hand, broken twice in gym workouts and finally repaired with a bone graft, never really was a factor in the match with the aggressive, persistent Lopez. It was his sparing use of the hand that made many doubt that John has the confidence to go all-out with it, no matter what he says.

Fortunately, he can do just about all there is to do with his left, and he has the added plus of experience and maneuverability to carry him through.

In the first half of the fight Conteh opened up in an apparent try at ending the fight then and there at several points. But Lopez, durable and strong, took the best left hooks the champion could land and carried the attack back to him.

"He was harder than I thought he would be," Conteh admitted. "I felt I dictated the whole fight, and I'll be champion for a long time yet."

Conteh said that Lopez's swarming attack had shaken him up once, in the sixth round. He fought out of trouble, scoring with hard left hooks to the body.

In the seventh, Lopez resorted to left jabbing to open up his target, but in the exchanges Conteh's variety and power usually managed to earn him a shade the better of it.

Lopez was cut over the left eye in the eleventh round and seemed to tire in the twelfth, and from then on, Conteh's left hand ruled the action.

Lopez, dipping his swollen right hand in an ice bucket, conceded, "He won the fight, all right. I lost it in the last five rounds. He's a good fighter, no doubt about it."

FOREMAN AND DURAN KO OUTCLASSED OPPONENTS

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Duran and DeJesus have met twice before. Esteban won a non-title ten rounder and then was kayoed in a title contest.

The champion weighed 134½, while Rojas, well who cares?

The funniest line of the night goes to the lightweight king, Roberto Duran, who said, "Rojas really wasn't as easy to defeat as it appeared. He really was hard to hit. He's a good fighter." Roberto, you have to be jesting.

All in all it was a big night for the new Sportatorium in Hollywood, Florida. Promoters Don King and Chris Dundee stated that they hope to put on more shows in the place.

PREVIEW U.S. TOURNEY

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Kevin Morgan, Ray Hammond, Clarence Hammack, Juan Cantres, Larry Bonds and Rafael Rodriguez; junior welterweights Monroe Brooks, Tim Walker, Art Leon, Dale Hernandez, Santiago Valdez, Al Franklin, George Anderson, John Turner; lightweights Rudy Hernandez, Angel Mayoral, John Copeland, Pat Dolan, Carlos Becerril, Ricky Gutierrez, Javier Ayala, Javier Muniz, Johnny Sullivan; featherweights Danny Lopez, Frank Duarte, Mike Ayala, Warren Matthews, Ronnie McGarvey, Kid Chocolate.

HAFEY WINS EASY OVER COUSINS

By FRED BISHOP

Shediac, N.B. — Lawrence Hafey, 147, New Glasgow, N.S., former Canadian middleweight champion, throwing punches from everywhere, rolled to an easy win in ten over Roland Cousins, 153, N.Y.C. The card promoted by Armand Belliveau drew a good crowd of 1300 who paid about $5,500 to look on. Hafey carried the fight to his taller opponent throughout but could not floor the smooth boxing visitor.

In three scheduled sixes there was action aplenty as Ulysse Doiron 157, Moncton, N.B. outpointed George Jenkins, 152, New York City, in an all-out war, Trevor Berwick, 195, Halifax, N.S., stopped Wayne Martin, 186, Shediac, midway through the fifth. In the opener, Wayne Cormier, 138, Moncton, upset George Moore, 134, New York, by a K.O. in the third.

▲**Halifax, N.S.** — A roaring crowd of over 2500 sat in on the televised showing of the Clay v. Norton scrap at nearby Fairview Arena, Al Brown in Halifax and Gussie MacLennan in Sydney promoted the two showings in the Maritimes and pushed over a $25,000 to watch.

▲**New Glasgow, N.S.** — Barry Sponagle, 138, Stellarton, N.S. Canadian lightweight champion, had far too much on the ball for over matched Frankie Maldonado, 131, Boston. Sponagle forced the fight from the opening bell, had the visitor on the floor for an eight count in the third but had to wait till the sixth to finish him off. Maldonado was disqualified after a second, Roy Johnson, jumped into the ring to stop the fight, the time 1.58.

In the semi-final of six rounds, Joey Bordon, 178, New Glasgow, pounded out a unanimous decision over George Lund, 188, Charlottetown, P.E.I., in a dull fight.

In six rounds, Chris Clarke, 144, Halifax, one of Canada's top hopes in the recent Olympic Games, made his pro debut a winning one as he completely outclassed Brian Linthorne, 137, Stellarton, N.S., stopping the local midway through the third.

In Fours: Bobby Brake, 157, Fall River, N.S., surprised as he held rough punching Kelly Oickle, 156, Sydney, N.S., to a rough and tumble draw while in the opener, Al Clarke, 142, Halifax outpointed Reg MacLean, 145, New Glasgow in an all action affair.

WHICH CHAMPION SCORED THE MOST KNOCKOUTS IN HIS CAREER?
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GUSHIKEN WBA JR. FLY CHAMP

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It was a lopsided contest, although Guzman, the prohibitive favorite, still retained his vaunted power punching up to the stoppage. The sturdy 25-year-old champ could have finished the southpaw Japanese if a good right caught the target.

Guzman went down flat from Gushiken's coup-de-grace, a right uppercut after a fine combo, and was unable to regain his feet before being counted by imported referee Rudy Ortega of the United States. The victor had entered the ring a quarter-pound heavier than Guzman's 107.

Gushiken, confident of an upset victory with manager Masaki Kanehira, who had piloted Ebihara and Sho Saijo to international titles, reached that peak with the shortest career that 15 previous Japanese world champs had registered. The southpaw puncher had compiled a record of only eight wins in as many pro bouts with five knockouts, including a clean kayo of Caesar Gomez Kee of California in January last year.

Yoko attacked Guzman from the opening bell, displaying fast combinations to the face. Guzman, appearing a bit bewildered, was content to study his opponent's lefty style. Gushiken, one inch shorter, took the round.

Guzman, who dethroned Jaime Rios of Panama in 15 heats at Santo Domingo last July, commenced punching in the second round. However, Gushiken continued throwing leather with perfect precision, often rocked Guzman and dropped him out of the ropes with a strong left shot. Guzman, who had previously scored 16 kayoes in 21 wins against one loss, came back into the ring immediately, seemingly surprised at the underrated youngster's power.

Gushiken fired another barrage of punches followed by a vicious uppercut, dropping the champ to his knees just at the bell to end the session.

Referee Ortega did not count against Guzman, claiming the knockdown blow landed just after the gong. However, the corner that protested against Ortega's decision was not Guzman's but Gushiken's. Kanehira insisted that the ref should have kept counting, because the knockdown punch landed on the rubber-legged Guzman's chin before the bell sounded.

In spite of a five-inch disadvantage in reach, Gushiken scored at long range occasionally to shake up the upright stylist in round three. Midway in the round, Gushiken was caught with a strong left hook to the jaw, almost losing his balance. Guzman chased the lefty into a corner with a flurry of punches, but he had not recovered from the previous knockdowns well enough to maintain his advantage. With some thirty second left in the canto, Gushiken, who covered up cleverly, began to come back with his favorite combo, nailing Guzman against the ropes in reverse.

The fourth session again saw Guzman hit the deck after Gushiken landed a sharp right-left-right combo to the bearded face of the Dominican. Guzman took the compulsory eight count, began fighting back, but appeared wobbly. In this round both were bleeding, Guzman on the forehead and Gushiken from the nose.

Guzman, who had iced 11 victims in the first round in his 16 stoppages, might have been too highly evaluated due to his good performance in preparatory sparring sessions, when he collapsed almost all Nipponense bantamweights with a single right shot. However, Gushiken, who turned professional after winning the All Japan Amateur High School Championship with a 62-3 record (52 KOs) at the age of nineteen, was ringwise. He kept his distance in the fifth round and gave Guzman more punishment without taking any blows. The Japanese dominated the three minutes by a clear-cut margin.

In the sixth session, Gushiken battered Guzman from all angles and had the champ reeling to the ropes at times.

The seventh round lasted just 32 seconds, in which span Gushiken unloaded a combo of half a dozen punches, then threw a telling textbook right uppercut. Down Guzman went, and it was over.

Yoko Gushiken was born of fisherman Yokei in Ishigaki Island, Okinawa, in 1954. When he entered Kohnan High School he began fighting under the guidance of the Uehara brothers, who are current JBC (Japan Boxing Commission) junior lightweight and featherweight champions.

Yasutsune and Flipper Uehara turned pro after failing to become Olympic representatives in 1972. Gushiken, who had won the high school title, went up to Tokyo, and like the Uehara brothers, started boxing under the supervision of Masaki Kanehira.

Amateur boxing people persuaded the Okinawan lefty to stay amateur and enter Takushoku University in order to try for the Olympic gold medal. Then he was considered a promising No. 1 puncher in the mosquito class.

Gushiken says, "If I had made an entry in the Olympic Games of Montreal, I would have won the medal." But he wanted to fight in the pro field and capture a world title.

He stands only 5 feet 3 inches and usually weighs under 110 pounds, so it was no surprise that he was a little overpowered by Koichi Maki, a taller flyweight, in his pro debut, a four-rounder, but he decisively won the May, 1974, bout.

Beating Maki again by a unanimous decision in four heats, Gushiken stopped Tadahiro Mihara in five and halted Yoshinobu Nitta in four frames. It was only last year that Gushiken fought six rounds for the first time, outpointing Joe Yasuo and polishing off Shoji Warabino, rated JBC contender, in another six.

In 1975 the WBC and WBA established the new junior flyweight class with the limit up to 108 pounds, then the JBC followed to set up the division. Immediately Gushiken turned to the new class.

It was truly an upset when Gushiken knocked out unbeaten Californian Caesar Kee with a beautiful display of science and power. Following that, Gushiken entered the Top Ten of the 108-pound class, the WBC champ of which is Luis Estaba of Venezuela. Panama's Jaime Rios, whom Guzman beat to take the WBA title, appeared in Japan last January, as the speedster lopsidedly outpunched Kazunori Tenryu, Japan's champ, in 15 frames. Small puncher, Gushiken, who is confident of defeating Estaba or ex-champ Rios, must be happy to have had the smallest class born, though The Ring does not recognize this addition under the historical flyweight division.

CANTO KEEPS CROWN

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The scoring as follows: neutral referee Harry Gibbs, of England, called it 147-143 for Canto, the Mexican judge had it 147-145, Canto, and the Venezuelan judge scored it for Gonzalez.

There is talk that Canto might box fellow Mexican Guty Espadas, who just won the WBA flyweight crown from Alfonso Lopez, his next time out. Others mentioned are Venezuela's Luis Estaba, Panama's Jorge Lujan and U.S. king Willie Jansen.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By JACK A. TREE

TWO European champions, Vito Antuofermo, junior middleweight and Angelo Jacopucci, middleweight, both from Italy, lost their crowns in Italy. Antuofermo handed over his title to Britain's Maurice Hope at the Palazzo Dello Sport in Rome, the referee calling a halt with only twenty seconds left of the final round fifteen.

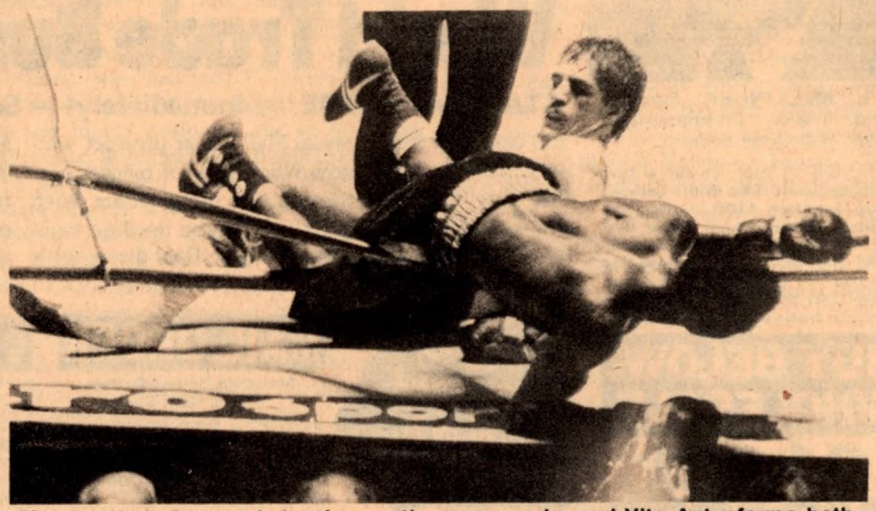
Hope cut Antuofermo's eyebrow in the opening round and this was the Italian's undoing. It was not an unusual handicap for the champion for he has frequently suffered cuts and still won. In the final round his right eye was almost closed and his left eyebrow cut. Rights and lefts had Antuofermo in trouble in the final heat with referee, Jose Fernando Perotti, Spain, giving him two standing counts of eight. Laying on the ropes and in no position to defend himself the third man broke up the engagement.

By my scoring Antuofermo had a little in his favor at the close of the fourteenth. Hope would have taken the final heat, had the round been completed, which would have made them all square allowing the champion to retain his title. At the end of round fourteen, referee, Perotti, had Antuofermo two points in front. Judge, Jean Deswert, Belgium, favored Hope with one point while judge, Arsen Klopp, Luxembourg, made them all square. With all three officials scoring in favor of Hope in the last round the Briton should have come out as the winner had Antuofermo been allowed to stay the course.

Southpaw Hope, except of course in Italy, is welcomed as the new champion for he is a real crowd pleaser and a brilliant counter puncher. A fight between Hope and WBC champion, Eckhard Dagge, Germany, who lost his European crown to Antuofermo, would fill any venue and provide one hell of a fight. Antuofermo was having his 40th fight of which he has won 36, lost 3, drawn 1 with fifteen won inside the distance. Hope, a native of India, has now had 22 engagements winning 20, with seventeen won inside the distance.

Since the junior middleweight title was first introduced in 1964 when Bruno Visintin outscored Yolande Leveque on points over fifteen rounds at Torino, Italy, to become the first champion, 35 fights have taken place providing thirteen champions.

1.	Bruno Visintin (I)	1964
2.	Bo Hogberg (Swed)	1966
3.	Yolande Leveque (F)	1966
4.	Sandro Mazzinghi (I)	1967
5.	Remo Golfarini (I)	1968
6.	Gerhard Piaskowy (G)	1969
7.	Jose Hernandez (S)	1971
8.	Carlos Duran (I)	1972
9.	Jacques Kechichian (F)	1973
10.	Jose Duran (S)	1974
11.	Eckhard Dagge (G)	1975
12.	Vito Antuofermo (I)	1976
13.	Maurice Hope (GB)	1976



Maurice Hope is seen balancing on the ropes as he and Vito Antuofermo both hit the deck during their European Jr. middleweight title fight held in Rome. Antuofermo, of Italy, lost his crown to England's Maurice Hope when the fight was halted in the last round of a scheduled 15 with only 20 seconds left to go in the fight.

Of the 35 contests 15 were won on points, 19 finished inside the distance and one was declared no contest. Six junior middleweight title fights were staged in Berlin, Vienna had 5, Rome 4, Milan and Barcelona 3, San Remo, Stockholm and Copenhagen 2, Madrid, Vibo Valentia, Schio, Lignano, Dortmund, Luxembourg, Paris and Turin one each.

Britons and Italians have met for European titles on 47 occasions and the British boxers have a lead of four. Two bouts were drawn and the Chic Calderwood—Piero del Papa contest on 17.8.66 at Lignano was stopped in round six because of rain and declared no contest. Only five other Britons have won in Italy, Henry Cooper, Joe Bugner, Dave Charnley and Howard Winstone and now Maurice Hope. Peter Waterman and Walter McGowan drew with Piero del Papa and Tommaso Gali respectively.

Eight of the British-Italian meetings took place in Rome. Cooper beat Tomasoni, Dave Charnley beat Ray Nobile and Waterman drew their bouts with Emilio Marconi and Tommaso Gali. Calderwood lost to Giulio Rinaldi, Turpin to Mitri and McGowan to Salvatore Burruni and now Hope's victory over Antuofermo.

Vito Antuofermo won the European junior middleweight title outpointing Eckhard Dagge in Berlin on Jan 16th this year and then made a successful defense beating Jean Claude Warusfel, France, in fourteen rounds.

In Milan European middleweight champion, Angelo Jacopucci lost his title to fellow countryman, Germano Valsecchi losing on points over fifteen rounds. Referee, Ambrosini voted for Valsecchi 147-145 and judges Poletti and Carabellese saw the challenger in front by 146-144 and 144-143 respectively. This was Jacopucci's first defense and his first defeat as a professional in 27 starts. In beating Jacopucci, Valsecchi became the 38th champion in this division since 88 fights ago in 1918 Georges Carpentier, France, ruled. Jacopucci's reign was short for he only won the middleweight title in June last outscoring Bunny Sterling in this same venue.

5,800 witnessed the Rome programme providing a gate of 29 million lire while the Milan promotion had gate receipts amounting to 55 million lire from a crowd of 7,500.

In Milan, Frenchman, Roland Cazeaux, handed over his European junior lightweight title to Natale Vezzoli, Italy, the referee calling a halt in round eleven. Vezzoli is the third Italian to hold the crown since the division was introduced in 1971. He is the sixth champion and this was the 17th bout at this weight. Cazeaux won the vacant title outscoring Rudi Haeck on February 27th this year. He then made a defense against Ramon Marichal of Spain, the bout ending in a draw.

There have been 23 European championship bouts so far this year. This is already two more than in 1975 when there were 21.

The EBU turned down the WBC's suggestion to include a super bantamweight class.

A division at light fly was also unacceptable to the EBU. Fernand Leclerce, France, President of the EBU and Piero Pini, Italy, General Secretary, were voted to serve another term of duty by members.

SPAIN

▲**Barcelona** — Perico Fernandez, Spain, European lightweight champion, outscored fellow countryman, Miguel Molleda, over eight rounds. The champions title was not at stake.

GERMANY

▲**Berlin** — 7,500 saw Eckhard Dagge, Germany, make a successful defense of his WBC junior middleweight crown outpointing Emile Griffith, USA, over fifteen rounds. Referee, Angelo Poletti, Italy, made it a draw 145-145 and judges Wally Thom (GB) and Lorenzo Sanchez Villar (Spain) made Dagge the winner 149-143 and 148-145 respectively.

Middleweight. 19 year old, Rene Zeller, Germany, outpointed fellow German, Joachim Trautwein (36) over four rounds.

Middleweight. German, Wolfgang Gans, outscored the Berlin based Turk, Mehmed Besli, six. The Turk was decked on three occasions.

Junior middle. Jorge Eipel (19) welterweight champion of Germany, won KO5 over Sreco Weiner (34), Yugoslavia.

Middleweight. Rudi Koopmans (28) Holland, brought his score to 21 fights without defeat (15 won inside the distance) outscoring Carlos Mark, Trinidad, over ten rounds.

ITALY

▲**Rome** — On the Antuofermo—Hope show the undercard saw heavyweight Hope, Italian Alfio Righette outscore American, Roy Wallace over ten. Billy Knight of Great Britain, and Italian Roberto Benacquiston drew in their eight rounder. Micky Duff, in Knight's corner, protested strongly against the verdict. He had previously had words with the third man in round seven when the latter decided that Knight had been decked as a result of a punch and gave Knight a count of eight. Duff said his charge slipped to the canvas. Luciano Sordini (72.100 Kg) outscored Lorenzo Nardillo (71 kg) over six rounds.

GERMANY

▲**Hamburg** — Leo Kakolewicz made a successful defense of his light heavyweight title beating Karsten Honold, TKO9. German welterweight champion, Jorge Eipel (18) outscored ex-European champion, Lothar Abend, Germany, in a non title bout over six rounds. Heavyweight. Ex-German champion, Hartmut Sasse, was KO'd in three by fellow German, Kurt Ludecke. Middleweight. Gregory Downes outscored German, Peter Scheibner, six rounds.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Alfio Righetti (I)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Henny Thoonen (H)
7. Lorenz Zanon (I)
8. Bepi Ross (I)
9. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
10. Rudi Lubbers (H)

Light heavies
* Mate Parlov (Yugo)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
2. Aldo Traversaro (I)
3. Ennio Cometti (I)
4. Harold Skog (N)
5. Omelio Grando (I)
6. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
7. Christian Poncelet (F)
8. Francois Fiol (S)
9. Quintana Trujillo (S)
10. Freddy De Kerpel (B)

Middleweights
* Germano Valsecchi (I)
1. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Rudi Koopmans (H)
5. Mario Romersi (I)
6. Roberto Benacquista (I)
7. Julles Bellaiche (F)
8. Poul Knudsen (D)
9. Frank Reiche (G)
10. Frank Wissenbach (G)

Junior Middles
* Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Vito Antuofermo (I)
2. Eckhard Dagge (G)
3. Jose Duran (S)
4. Bruno Arcari (I)
5. Rocky Mattioli (I)
6. Antonio Cassellini (I)
7. Damiano Lassandro (I)
8. Jore Bannetaz (F)
9. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
10. Marcel Giordanella (F)

Welsterweights
* Marco Scano (I)
1. Luciano Boracia (I)
2. Domenico DiJorio (I)
3. Giovanni Molesini (I)
4. Jorgen Hansen (D)
5. Jacques Van Mellaerts (F)
6. Alain Ruocco (F)
7. Georges Warusfel (F)
8. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
9. Horacio Ruiz (S)
10. Vittorio Conte (I)

Junior Welters
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Miguel Velasquez (S)
2. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
3. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
4. Primo Bandini (I)
5. Giancarlo Usai (I)
6. Jean Saadli (F)
7. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
8. Romano Fanali (I)
9. Elisio Pinna (I)
10. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)

Lightweights
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Fernand Roelands (B)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Vincent Burgio (I)
5. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
6. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
7. Pietro Meraviglia (I)
8. Oliviero Pierleoni (I)
9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Santino Reali (I)

Junior Lights
* Natale Vezzoli (I)
1. Roland Cazeaux (F)
2. Rudi Haeck (B)
3. Antonio Guinaldo (S)
4. Ramon Garcia Marichal (S)
5. Roldolfi Sanchez (S)
6. Georges Cotin (F)
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10. Giovanni Girgenti (I)

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* Elio Cotena (I)
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6. Michele Siracusa (F)
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9. Cecilio Lastra (S)
10. Guy Caudron (F)

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* Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
1. Daniel Trioulaire (F)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Pedro Molledo (S)
4. Luigi Jessarin (I)
5. Fernando Bernardez (S)
6. Teodoro Corallo (I)
7. Lucio Vailati (I)
8. Gianni Garbo (I)
9. Rodriguez Figueroa (S)
10. Garcia Zaragata (S)

Flyweights
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Farcisio Boi (I)
6. Mariano Garcia (S)
7. Christian Martin (F)
8. Daniel Charvet (F)
9. Dominique Cesari (F)
10. Filippo Belvedere (I)

European Champion

Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; NY Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

CAMPANINO DEFEATS S. A. JR. MIDDLE CHAMPION OSUNA

By SIMON BRONENBERG

Buenos Aires — Argentina welterweight king Miguel Campanino, scored two major wins over the past two months. He outpointed local Rogelio Zarza in ten rounds and outpointed Esteban Osuna in ten. Osuna's South American junior middleweight title was not on the line.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the light class Gregorio Villavicencio beat Miguel Maldonado in 10 rounds.

Rosario — Oscar Alvarenga kayoed Pedto Golman in second round. They are lights.

Neuquen — In the light division Leopoldo Vargas and Oscar Barrios drew in 10.

San Luis — In the welter class Miguel A. Fernandez outpointed Vicente Martin in 10.

Villa Mercedes (lights) — Simon Escobar kayoed Eduardo Vergara in first round.

Gualeguay — In the light jr division Ramon Gonzalez and Raul Colombo drew in 10.

La Rioja — In the middle jr class Domingo Penessi decisioned Catalino Sosa in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring Mario Ortiz beat ex-Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez (now light class) by points in 10.

Bolivar — In the light jr. class Argentine and South American champion Victor Etchegaray beat Antonio Ross in 12. Retained his crown.

Dolores — In the welter jr. division Hugo Luero whipped Santiago "Sapito" Lopez in 10.

General San Martin — In the light-heavy class Carlos Araujo kayoed Alberto Hergeseimer in third round.

General Pico — In the welter class Walter Gomez whipped Ramon Perez in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — In the fly division Ramon Soria good prospect (undefeated in 6 bouts) won Carlos Leyes in 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Argentine heavy champion Raul Gorosito kayoed "Clay" Sarmiento in first round. Non title bout.

▲**Villa Maria** — In the welter jr. division Abraham Valenzuela won Angel Olea in 10.

Rio Cuarto — Local champion in the bantam class Hugo Emer beat Diego Vega Ramirez by a TKO in fourth round.

Rosario — Local welter champion Carlos Villalba kayoed Rene Campos in eleven round and retained his title.

Cordoba — In the bantam division Arnoldo "Pato" Aguero and Gilberto Lopez (from Uruguay) drew in 10.

Resistencia — In the heavy division Domingo D'Elia beat Juan Carlos II by points in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — In the feather class Ramon Gonzalez won Juan Carlos Alvarez by a TKO in seventh round.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the welter class Juan J. Gimenez beat Hector "Ye ye" Hernandez by points in 10 rounds.

San Juan — Juan a Reyes whipped Enrique Aguero in 12 and won the local bantam title.

▲**Reconquista** — In the feather class Pablo Lencinas won Sergio Vallejos by a TKO in nine rounds.

Pergaminos — Undefeated in the middle class Jose M. Flores (Uruguay) decisioned Hugo Obregon in 10.

Rosario — Argentine light champion Nicolas Arkuzsyn won Armando Bustos by a TKO in eight rounds. Non title bout.

Cordoba — (Lights Jr.) Alberto Castillo and Oscar Albarracin drew in 10.

San Luis — In the welter Jr division Simon Escobar and Hector Ramon Pena drew in 10.

Formosa — In the bantam division No. 1 in the Official Argentine Rating, Miguel Falazar won Gilberto Lopez from Uruguay in 10 rounds.

Venado Tuerto — In the welter Jr class Juan A Merlo outpointed Americo Abalos in 10.

Jesus Maria — In the feather division Orlando Lucero beat Hugo Salduhbere by a TKO in six.

Charata — In the welter Jr class Ceferino Morales won Alvez Castora by a TKO in six.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring good prospect in the fly class Angel Lois Fernandez won Carlos Escalante in 9 by a nedical decision, and Argentine bantam champion Julio C. Saba and Juan Carlos Rios drew in 10 in a non title bout.

Mar del Plata — In the light-heavy division Guillermo Aguirrezabala and Ramon Guerrezuela drew in 4 (Medical decision).

Dolores — In the welter class Osvaldo Barreda outpointed Hector Quinteros in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring Julio Alegre kayoed Domingo Casco by a espectacular fight in five rounds.

Punta Alta — In the welter class Adalberto Gutierrez and Carlos Pacheco drew in 10.

▲**Reconquista** — In the light class Jose M. Lopez beat Juan "Pamperito" Olivera by points in 10.

Mendoza — In the middle class undefeated Manuel Gonzalez won Roque Roldan by a TKO in seventh in the same division, Hugo Corro kayoed Juan Carlos Artaza in 10th round; in the light class Juan de Dios Acosta and Abel Funes drew in 4th (medical decision) and in the fly class Raul "Nico" Perez beat Alberto Martin in 10. This festival was in honor to Nicolino Locche.

▲**Cordoba** — In the middle class Raul Porcel de Peralta decisioned Alberto Almiron in 10.

▲**Salta** — Camilo Gaitan and Armando Vicente drew in 10. They are middles.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring world light-heavy champion Vic Galindez beat Bill Douglas, from EE UU in 10 round in a non title bout.

▲**Salto** — In the welter class Jose Gigena won Hugo Gomez in 8.

▲**Catrilo** — In the welter division Walter Gomez kayoed Luis Sosa in 6th round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Luna Park ring good prospect and undefeated in the middle Jr. class Alfredo H. Cabral drew in 10 with Roque Roldan.

▲**Rosario** — In the light division Raul Colombo won Fernando Ocampo in 10.

▲**San Juan** — Rolando Lahoz won Felipe Rojas in 10. They are bantams.

▲**Campamento Hermudez** — In the light class Oscar Alvarenga decisioned Oscar Arganaraz in 10.

▲**La Rioja** — In the light class Manuel Lopez won Roberto Aballay in 10.

▲**Guaymallen** — In the feather class Esteban Bustos and Ricardo Alvarez drew in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — In the feather class good puncher Juan Domingo Malvarez won easily Benicio Sosa, Argentine champion by points in 10 rounds and in a non title bout. A great surprise result.

▲**Cordoba** — In the light Jr. class Alberto Castillo and Oscar Albarracin drew in 10. Castillo won retained local title.

▲**San Luis** — In the light class Abraham Valenzuela won Argentine champion Nicolas Arkuzsyn in 10. Non title bout.

▲**Catamarca** — Argentine fly champion Rodolfo Rodriguez outpointed Felix "Lito" Gonzalez in 10. Non title bout.

▲**Rosario** — Carlos Villalba (local welter champion) draw with Rene Campos in 12 rounds. Villalba retained his title.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — In the bantam class Hugo Emer decisioned Carlos Cordoba in 10.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the welter class Ramon Peralta beat Carlos Garcia by a TKO in seventh round.

▲**Villaguay** — In the feathers division Ramon Gonzalez and Juan J. Noguera drew in 10.

▲**Bragado** — In the middle Jr. division Raul Guillermo kayoed Nestor Dalbut in second round.

▲**Frank** — In the light class Luis Acosta and Felipe Brites drew in 10.

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BENITEZ WINS, VILLAFLOR LOSES

(Continued from page 19)

This was the second time that Puerto Rico has presented two championship fights on one card, the first time being when Muhammad Ali defended his crown against Coopman. In the co-feature Alfredo Escalera successfully defended his junior lightweight title by scoring a kayo over Jose Fernandez.

Teen-aged Wilfredo Benitez made his second defense of the junior welterweight title a successful one by scoring a three-round kayo over Tony Petronelli, of Boston.

Action in the initial heat was quite limited. It was fought at a distance and with Petronelli landing effective blows at the close of the round in what appeared to be an even round.

The second heat was also a long range affair. Benitez took command because of his longer reach, and shook Tony up in his own corner with a lightning volley of blows to the head just before the bell.

In the third heat Petronelli decided to stay in close, but his change in tactics came too late as a steady barrage of hooks to the upper region tumbled Tony flat on his back for what appeared to be a sure ten count. Game to the core, the Bostonian got up relatively defenseless and was again deposited by a left-right combination that forced referee Falu-Quinones to call an immediate halt at 0:53 of the third.

Benitez is now scheduled for a return go against ex-title holder Antonio Cervantes here in San Juan before this magazine hits the stands.

With the punching skill he displayed against Petronelli, Cervantes may find that this young upstart is going to be a hard nut to crack. "It was just an off night and I'm going to slaughter that boy the next time we get into the ring," stated Cervantes recently, when commenting about his initial loss to Benitez.

The Petronelli clan was quite disappointed with Tony's performance.

"We know Benitez needs punching room and are going to stay in close where Tony can do the most damage," confided Petronelli, Sr., prior to the fight. He figured that in the long run Tony would prove more durable, but Tony did not follow these instructions in the first two rounds, and was bombed from long range.

The Benitez and Serrano championships are recognized by THE RING MAGAZINE as well as by The World Boxing Association.

Brother Frankie did not fare as well as the champ. He met lightweight Chung Moon Chin, billed as from China, but with trunks lettered Korea. Well the Moon man was taking a pasting for nine and a third rounds, but he kept moving forward with great Chinese (or Korean) perseverance.

In the tenth and final round, Benitez began to do what he does worst. Instead of depending on his superior boxing skill against his crude slugger, he decided to try for a kayo by outslugging his rival. Out of nowhere a sweeping uppercut dropped Benitez, and although he made a desperate effort to get up before ten, his wobbly pins could not sustain him. The elated Moon did a tumbling act reminiscent of the acrobatics performed by the Basque Paulino Uzcudun back in the early '30's when he was declared a ten-round kayo victor. The time, 1:24.

Lightweight Victor Abraham scored a kayo over Francisco Rodriguez in 0:21 of the third.

Middleweight Carlos Betancourt made his pro debut a successful one by scoring in four over Francisco Calderon.

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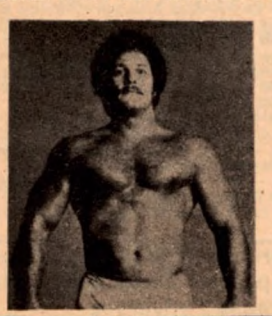

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YAMABE ICED BASA IN 5 IN HONOLULU

By TED YAMACHIKA

Shinji "Buzzsaw" Yamabe, 134¾, Japan, fighting again in Honolulu for the first time this year, simply bulldozed Mar Basa, 134, Philippines, into submission in the 5th round of a scheduled tenner at the Blaisdell Center Arena. It was no contest from the start. Yamabe proved too strong and punched too hard for Basa.

Hereafter Yamabe, who earlier this year had lost to WBC Jr. lightweight champ Alfredo Escalera for the 2nd time, will fight as a lightweight, says his handler.

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Andrew Ganigan, 134½, Honolulu, scored an easy knockout over Rafael Nunez, 134¾, Mexico, in two rounds for his 10th straight.

Big Al Nieves, 193, Honolulu, decisioned William Vea, 219¼, Honolulu, in 5.

Dave Meadows, 156, Honolulu, beat Sekona Kid, 158½, Tonga, in 4.

Stanley Gonsalves, 150, Honolulu, chilled Tony Daniels, 151, Los Angeles, in 2.

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▲**On another fight card:** Victor Abraham, 140½, Kansas City, won over Mario Mendez, 139, Mexico, in ten.

In the companion tenner, Al Gutierrez, 116¾, Philippines, knocked out Martin Buchanan, 113½, Mexico in the 8th.

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Yama Elasi, 156¾, Honolulu, defeated Richard Neal, 159½, Calif., in 4.

Virgilio Legaspi, 128, Philippines, beat Pabano Martinez, 129½, Mexico 4.

Kid Pabanlag, 131, Philippines, knocked out Jorge Zenquis, 132¾, Honolulu, in 3rd.

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Fonomanu Sekona, 202, Tonga, scored a mild upset by knocking out Larry Frazier, 220¼, San Francisco, in 1.57 of the 1st round. Sekona is rated third in the Commonwealth heavyweight division.

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Virgilio Legaspi, 125½, Philippines, beat Ruben Augilar, 126¾, Mexico, in 6.

Tala Taito, 152½, Honolulu, knocked out Stanley Gonsalves, 150, Honolulu, in 5.

Vai Afa, 158, Tonga, outpointed Richard Neal, 163, Calif. 4.

Sekona Kid, 163, Tonga, beat Leo Arrington, 164, Los Angeles 4.

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▲**Andrew Ganigan,** 133, Honolulu, won his 11th consecutive with a quick knockout of Jose Luis Lopez, 132½, Mexico, in the 3rd round of a scheduled ten rounder. Lopez was giving the local boy a pretty good battle when he suffered a cut eye.

Aniceto Vargas, 107¼, Philippines, defeated Cesar Gomez, 107¼, Mexico, in a fast tenner.

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Pabano Martinez, 126½, Mexico, outpointed Kid Pabanlag, 128, Philippines, in 4.

Tatsu Harada, 130, Japan, finished Virgilio Legaspi, 126½, Philippines, in 5.

Vai Afa, 160, Tonga, beat Charles Terrell, 162, Honolulu 4.

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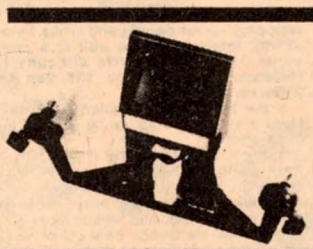

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OSPINO STOPS MAJUL

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V.

Bucaramanga — Pedro Ospino, Barrancabermeja's featherweight, TKO'd Alberto Majul, Cartagena, in the fourth round.

Milton Mendez knocked out Jose Rodriguez in the second round (0:52) in welter class.

▲**Santa Marta** — William Blanco, Cartagena, decisioned Marcos Segovia, Santa Marta, in six rounds (junior lightweights).

The local featherweight, Pedro Meca Gomez, had no problems with veteran Plutarco Calle, Sucre, and stopped the visitor in the second round (2:00) of their scheduled 10-round feature.

Luis Sierra, Santa Marta, won a four-round decision over Nicolas Zabaleta, Cartagena, in superbantam.

Jairo Segovia, Santa Marta, feather contender, outpointed Jesus Parra, Cartagena, over ten rounds.

▲**Cartagena** — Eduardo Barragan, Cartagena, is now the Colombia flyweight champion. Barragan earned this honor by decisioning favored Juanito Merrara, Barranquilla, in a 12-rounder at the "Cartagena de Indias" bull ring.

Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, Colombia, retained his super bantamweight title of Central America outpointing Julio "Raton" Hernandez, Nicarague, in 12 rounds.

Enrique Pinto, Cartagena, in the flyweight class, stopped Nelson Vergara, Sincelejo, at 1:53 of the first round.

In the main bout, Alfonso Perez, Cartagena, in a disputed decision, retained his Colombian featherweight championship over Armando "Policeman" Perez, Cartagena, formerly of Barranquilla. Perez was down twice, in the second and third rounds.

▲**Monteria** — Luis Rivera kayoed Hermogenes Casseres in the seventh. Both bantams are from Cartagena.

Luis Tapias, in a good match, knocked out Hernan Torres in the third round. Tapias, Monteria's light flyweight, dropped Torres, of Cartagena, twice.

Cirilo San Martin, TKO'd favored Bernarnido Rubio in the sixth of the lightweight bout. It was Rubio's first defeat.

In a local decision, Francisco "Yata" Durango, lightweight of Monteria, outpointed Clemente Rojas, Cartagena, in ten rounds.

▲**Cartagena** — Panamanian Enrique "Cochero" Maxwell, TKO'd Victor Pacheco, Colombia, in the ninth round of a lightweight match.

Pedro Acosta dethroned Miguel Betruz and is the new Colombian lightweight champion. Acosta gained the decision in 12 rounds.

In another card, William Blanco outpointed Leofang Camargo in six.

Manuel Zambrano lost by a TKO, 3, to Oswaldo Romero in the feather class. Zenon Silgado, Colombia, and Enrique "Cochero" Maxwell, Panama, drew in ten; lightweights. Pedro Acosta, 136, Colombia, TKO'd, 5, Carlos "Lito" Almanza, 135, Costa Rica. Almanza kissed the canvas in the third and fifth twice.

In an unpopular decision, Hugo Barraza, 137, Colombia, and Antonio "Buchi" Amaya, 136, Panama, drew in ten rounds. The referee voted 99-99, judge Antonio Merlano 99-99 and judge Roberto Morikawa 96-96, in a rare decision.

OWENS FLAMES OUT IN SUNNYSIDE

By CHARLES D. BROWN

SUNNYSIDE GARDENS, continues its business of putting on club cards with class, and the headline fight was either a good story or a sad story, depending on how you look at it. A large house of 1,125 fans (GATE: $5,860) saw one of the light-heavyweight divisions more brutal punchers, Eddie (FLAME) Gregory (165; Brooklyn) score a slow but steady 10th-round TKO over Jimmy Owens (†65½; Detroit, Mich.) in the main event.

Gregory has not yet cracked the top Ten, because his reputation as a spoiler leaves him at a decided disadvantage. So, he ends up starving for fights, and it is a shame. He has a 17-2-1 record with 16 KOs.

Owens now has a record of 24-6, but he entered the ring an unknown quality, as most of his fights have been around his own bailwick. The first few rounds drew loud boos from the fans, because despite his hitting ability; Gregory is not too exciting a fighter. So confident is he that he can take a man out with a single punch that he frequently stalks—and stalks—and stalks, looking for the one-punch finisher. Owens, aware of Gregory's power, was wary of any exchanges and threw long distance straight lefts only. Gregory came out for the fifth and had Owens in full retreat with solid jabs. The left eye of Owens started to swell up. A few hard left hooks in the moments leading up to Round 9 had the eye almost closed, and Owens' nose was also mashed out of shape. Owens seemed slightly doubtful about coming out for the ninth, and stood stock still in his corner at the gong. Gregory charged over and smashed home some combinations. In full gear now, Gregory maintained his attack until the start of the tenth, when the referee stopped it at 0:51 of that round. Owens had just taken a three-punch combo to the head and his left eye was useless.

Gregory wants matches with contenders, he singled out Mike Colbert of Portland, Ore. as his number one choice.

In the eight-round semi-final, classy Leo Lopez (126½; Panama) scored a shutout on all three official cards as he whizzed through Eddie Rivera (126; Puerto Rico) by decision. Lopez used Rivera for target practice as he punched the shorter man's head from all angles and decked him for two (he took eight) in the final heat, with a right hand. Lopez upped his record and is now 13-2. Lopez gained an increased reputation. Jockey-sized Rivera gained a sore face.

A heavyweight four, Tyrone Harlee (207½; Brooklyn) was given a split decision verdice over Tom Healy (204; Queens).

Hector Perez went out to face Bo Whyns, a last-minute substitute. Well, Perez came out and got hit with the first punch of the fight, a right hand. It was also the last punch. Perez left the ring a KO loser one minute and twelve seconds after he entered it. Whyns weighed 142.

And in another first-round ending, Tony Danza (161; Long Island) and Johnny Locicero (161; Puerto Rico) put on one of those Zale-Graziano wars. Locicero was getting battered on the ropes, but he came off them with a left hook to the head and down went Danza at the bell. The count continued and Danza just missed beating it. It was scored KO1 for Locicero at 2:59 of the round.

▲**QUEENS, Long Island City, N.Y.C.** — The weekly promotions have not been drawing especially large crowds at Sunnyside Gardens but the action has been great. Tonight they drew a good crowd for a change—1,100 people. Tonight's card must be mercifully described as 'mediocre'. But there were two interesting faces on the card, and the purists were no doubt satisfied by watching them sport their stuff.

Interesting face Number One was local bantamweight Davey Vasquez, the best man at his weight around here. Also one of the few men at his weight around here which explains why he hasn't had any fights in almost a year. Vasquez had apparently kept himself in shape during his long absence. He looked sharp in outpointing Luis Rico Medrano, (125; Mexico) via a unanimous 10-round decision. Vasquez proved to have strong legs, as he darted in and out, never letting the pressing Medrano use his longer reach to advantage. It was a light-hitting fight until the eighth heat, when Vasquez scored with hard right hands and had Medrano lunging futilely. Medrano could only win by a KO as he came out for the last round, and he did his darndest. He hurt Vasquez badly with a left hook to the body, but Vasquez held on and escaped this difficulty. It was a good fight, fought at a pace that puts many of our leading heavyweights to shame. Vasquez weighed 121. Medrano was a last-minute sub for New England feather champ Dan Tratzinski, and performed credibly. Both men had the same amount of pro fights but Vasquez has fought more class fighters, and this "training" helped him see his way through.

In the semi-final of ten rounds, up popped the globetrotting veteran known as Angel Robinson Garcia; who has had over 200 fights all over the world and is still quite active. Garcia, 142, Cuba, came in as a late sub and fought to a draw with local boy Justice Ortiz, 143¼, NYC. It was a patty-cake type of fight, but the contrast in styles was interesting to watch. The younger Ortiz gave the plodding Garcia a lesson in footwork, while the ringwise Garcia gave everybody a lesson in the art of slipping punches without moving your feet. Garcia was interesting face Number Two. The draw verdict was received favorably, although there was a slight bias towards Garcia by the crowd.

The prelims contained an eight rounder in which Irish Johnny Turner, 143½, Long Island, won the decision over Celio Romero, 140, Puerto Rico. Turner has a record of 16-0-1, but he fought like the reverse. His power was nowhere to be seen, as he did nothing but jab and used his right hand as often Lawrence Welk plays rock-and-roll music.

In a sixer, Curtis Harris, 135, New Jersey, was victorious over Carlos Soto, 135½, Puerto Rico, by fourth-round TKO. It was an ordinary fight until Harris caught Soto on the ropes in the fourth and unleashed a barrage. Soto didn't hit the canvas, but the ref thought Soto had had enough for the night.

And in a walkout four, Jorge Luis Rivera, 130, Puerto Rico, and Pete O'Keefe, 131, NYC, took turns rocking each other, with Rivera taking more turns than O'Keefe. RESULT: A unanimous decision for Rivera.

HEAIR HANDLES RAMON

By HARLAN HAAS

San Antonio, Texas — Jimmy Heair, 138, El Paso, keeps whipping up on people and while he may not quite be the Jimmy Heair of old he still is a pretty fair facsimile of same. He had very little difficulty in handling rugged Rosendo (Rocky) Ramon, 136, San Antonio, before some 3,400 screaming fans.

If the local buffs expected an upset it didn't happen as Heair won pretty much as he pleased against the always willing Ramon.

In a co-10, the muscular shorty Jerry Kornele, 126, Galena Park, bombed out Frank Duran, 126, Piedras Negras, Mexico, in the sixth round. Kornele, known as The Fighting Leprechaun, was all decked out in his usual green, and brother, he came to fight. This little wildcat looks for you, buddy he hunts for you, and the bombs were out of his pockets and bouncing off his foe's whiskers all night until the lights went out. Yep, this tenacious and pugnacious elfin-like character with the flat nose makes no pretense about anything, he's hell-bent on destroying whatever is in front of him. We've always been one of the little guy's most staunch boosters as he gives you your money's worth in action.

Another brawler from the word go is Darrell Brumley the 155-pounder out of Cut 'n Shoot, Texas, who remained undefeated in three pro starts by knocking out experienced Rolando Garcia, 155, Monterrey, in round two. Brumley was started out in boxing by Henry Harris, father of Roy Harris, the one-time heavyweight contender from Cut 'n Shoot. Paul "Red" Garcia, 146, San Antonio, was behind slightly at the end of four rounds, but came on strong in the fifth to stop Sultan Salahadden, 148, Los Angeles, on a cut eye. Pedro Lopez, 136, El Paso, won in a fast six-rounder over classy boxing Victor Sid, 137, San Antonio.

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WALLACE BAD NEWS FOR ALDERETE

By MAX SEIBEL

Phoenix, Ariz. — Edgar (Bad News) Wallace had warned Art Alderete of his "invisible sting punch" going into the 10-round main event at the Kurtz Pavilion on the Arizona State Fairground.

But Alderete had been floored only once in a 27-fight career. He announced knockout plans of his own.

It proved that Wallace, seeking his fifth win in as many pro fights since moving from Detroit where he owned an outstanding amateur record, was absolutely correct.

Correct to the tune that Alderete, slumped on the ropes in his own corner, was declared a TKO victim after only 2:09 of the first round. Alderete had previously been sent down with a short right to the jaw for an eight-count.

"I was waiting for him to throw his left hook," Wallace explained. "We knew that he dropped his left and lunged when he threw it. I figured the first time he'd throw it . . . wham."

Alderete weighed in at 164½. Wallace had to sweat off a pound to make 165.

The Steve Eisner-promoted fight was moved to the Fairground from the downtown Civic Plaza because the only date available at the latter was a Friday, a prep football night.

A somewhat smaller crowd—over 500—attended as compared with over 1,000 that have viewed Wallace's previous fights downtown. Eisner expects to move back to the Plaza for his next card.

Highlighting the preliminary action was a unanimous six-round decision by Phoenix welterweight Clarence Howard over Jose Luis Castillo of Nogales. Castillo, a southpaw, gave Howard an interesting bout and a rematch was anticipated.

Jerry Cheatam, a young Phoenix middleweight in his second victorious effort in as many starts, waited until the fourth and final round to score a TKO over Leonard Hubbard in 0:30.

Junior welterweight Allen Gant, Phoenix, earned a six-round decision over Barreto Hernandez.

In a boring six-round semi-windup, heavyweights Dave Martinez and Jack Johnson plodded to a draw.

IBAR EDGES ROMAN

By KELLY NICHOLSON

Seattle, Washington — A crowd of 4,900 watched rugged Ibar Arrington, 192, blast his way to a split decision over Joe "King" Roman, 189, of Puerto Rico in a 10-round main event at Seattle Center Coliseum. Arrington pressed the fight in the later rounds, cornering his veteran opponent time and again and whaling with wide lefts and rights while taking persistent counters in return.

The opening bout saw 154-pound Darrell Penn of Portland take a split nod from Vancouver, B.C.'s Steve Tohill, 163, in a six-round rematch; Penn had previously KO'd Tohill in five.

Babs McCarthy of San Francisco surprised local fans with his aggressive ninth-round stoppage of Tacoma's popular Larry Smith in a battle of junior middles. A fast left hand decked Smith in the early going of round one, though exchanges looked even until the fourth when a series of blows dropped Larry again. Avenging a loss suffered to Smith in their last meeting, McCarthy continued his assault with ripping left hooks and wicked rights, sending his taller foe to the canvas where ref Jack Ableman called it good enough in round nine.

Pat Duncan scored an eighth-round knockout over George Jerome of B.C. in a tedious war of heavies. At 206, Irish Pat decked the portly Jerome, 224, with a left-hand and left hook in round seven, and belabored the capriciously hyped "Canadian champion" into submission shortly thereafter.

Global Productions' feature event came next. The fighters seemed to take turns unleashing their best with Ibar several times dropping his guard and allowing Roman to land his flurries at will. Joe sank to the canvas for an 8-count in round two from what he claimed was a kidney punch.

The judges' verdict received mixed reaction from the fans, many of whom felt that with his display of ringmanship, Joe the King had earned a better score.

CARR GETS REVENGE

By R. C. HILL

Wellington, N.Z — Monty Betham put his British Commonwealth middleweight title on the line against Australian Wally Carr, the man who had, in a great upset, inflicted a 6th round defeat on the New Zealand boxer in a non-title fight ten weeks previously. The bout proved to be sweet revenge for Betham as he knocked out Carr in the eleventh of the scheduled fifteen rounds.

Looking very cautious with his right arm carried horizontally across his face Betham took control of the fight right from the outset with some outstanding left-hand work and speedy footwork. His great speed enabled him to evade most of Carr's punches and score repeatedly with left hand counter.

As the bout wore on Betham began using his right hand more and staggered Carr several times before knocking him out with a right cross to the temple after about 2 minutes of the 11th round. At the time of the finish, Betham (159) was well ahead on points with only one of the 3 judges having given Carr (154) a round. The win took the 23-year-old New Zealand-domiciled Western Samoan's record to 27-4. After the fight, reported to be his 67th, the 21-year-old Carr announced his retirement.

NAKAYAMA AND FURUYAMA RETAIN TITLES

By JOE Y KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — There were no world and no Orient title contests, but three Japanese title cards, two of which took place on one night as a doubleheader in Osaka.

Waruinge Nakayama, 120¾, African who lives in Osaka after gaining an Olympic medal, successfully kept his Japanese junior featherweight title by a unanimous decision over Hisao Mizuno, 121½, hard-hitting prospect, in 10 heats. Nakayama, four inches taller, cleverly outpunched Mizuno to register his fourth successful defense since he dethroned Shinichi Etoh in April of last year. The Kenyan is really too tall for the 122-pound class. He is to face Carlos Zarate for the world bantamweight title abroad. Whether Waruinge can shed four more pounds to make the 118-pound limit without losing his usual sharpness is a question.

Lefthander Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama proved too powerful and experienced for Yohi Arai who defeated him unanimously in 10 frames.

In a companion tenner Tamio Negishi, newly crowned lightweight champ, was impressive as he halted ex-titlist Yasushi Yajima in the final round of their rubber bout.

▲A card featuring 10-rounders and 8-rounders drew some 1,300 customers at Korakuen Hall. All games were so hard-fought that the crowd often got on its feet to watch the give-and-take affairs.

Sensational 19-year-old ex-amateur champ Eijiro Murata, 120¼, engaged in his second outing against Yoshihiro Shikauchi, JBC's No. 8 contender, whom he swarmed over to score three knockdowns in succession and then KOed his man in 3. Shikauchi, an experienced guy at 122 pounds after previous campaigns abroad, proved no match in speed and power for the up-right stylist piloted by Shigeji Kaneko, former Orient feather titlist. Murata, who had won 78 bouts (43 by knockout) in 88 amateur outings finished Masaru Fuji in just 59 seconds in his pro debut.

Dropped twice from a strong right in the second round, Koji Kunishige, 127½, caught Shuhei Takebe, 130, with one solid right shot to send the aggressive mixer to dreamland. Takebe who had sunk eight men in nine previous wins went all out for a KO in the fatal session, but a counterpunch by Kunishige was the finisher.

In a scheduled tenner, Tsutomu Hagusa, 152¼, from Kyushu, fought well and almost defeated the sturdy KO artist, Sumio Kai, 153¾, but collapsed due to exhaustion as well as an absorption of punishment in the sixth round.

In the main tenner Futaro Tanaka, full of light punches but lacking power at 122 pounds, was outboxed in earlier rounds by Shigeru Sasaki, 122, who gradually lost his zip to mix it up in later rounds and dropped a close decision. Tanaka who had failed to win the Orient junior feather crown from Korea's Yum Dong-Kyun last year in Osaka found Sasaki elusive. The contest was ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide a challenger to face Yum, who recently lost a controversial verdict to Rigoberto Riasco in Seoul, the Japanese fighters seemed to lack science and power to beat the stronger Korean.

▲Lefty puncher Shoji Oguma, 112½, displayed a good use of leading right hands and finished Park Chun-Ha, top bantam contender in Korea, with a well-timed right in the third round. Some 1,500 customers were in attendance at Korakuen Hall, where Oguma, 25 years old, seemed to improve with each fight. Park, 112¾, was outpunched from the start and collapsed on the deck as if he was paralyzed.

In a semi-final ten, Hiroyuki Kanda, Shinjin-flyweight of this year, lost to experienced Kimio Furezawa, No. 2 112-pounder of JBC, in a busy but unanimous contest. Kanda, 111¼, sent combos to his opponent's face, but Furezawa caught the rookie with short punches and was the aggressor. Lightweight Mitsuo Koide stopped Shinichi Abe in round two. Both scaled 134¼.

▲Unbeaten bantamweight Shuichi Isokami, Shinjin-o victor at 117 pounds, was held to a draw by Toshio Nishi, 118, in 10-round see-saw battle at the Korakuen Hall.

A double 8-rounder supported the main event after seven bouts of 4-rounders. Decisioned by Hiroo Murakami in June, Hayato Konno, 133¾, fought well to outscore Takao Sasaki, 134, in a lightweight contest.

Rising Seiji I, 121 pounds, halted Tadao Hatano, 120½, in the third session.

▲After mutual body bombardment in ten heats, a split decision went to Jaguar Sekino, 128½, who showed gameness rather than an expected hit-and-run style. The loser was ex-Shinjin-o Hirobumi Mochizuki, 128 pounds, who had demolished ten victims in twelve triumphs by his southpaw punching.

In a companion ten, Katsuji Tomotoshi from Okinawa suffered his first defeat at the Korakuen Hall, at the hands of Satoru Uehara, 117¼. It was Tomotoshi's pro debut. Tomotoshi, with six wins against one draw, was a ballyhooed prospect, but he went down once in the opening session and twice in the fatal second canto.

In a preliminary eight rounder Kazuhiro Kitagaki won from Hiroyuki Iwamoto in an upset decision. They both weighed at 121¾. Hiromi Ohshima, 134½, was a points victor over Johji Tanaka, 135, in eight.

▲When Tarzan (Kiichi) Tohbaru, 146¾, collapsed flat on two occasions in the second round, most of the spectators at the Korakuen Hall expected the finish to come quickly.

The result was beyond their expectations as Sato suddenly retired at the end of the sixth round. Sato, an emergency substitute for Bull Kato, was exhausted and ran out of gas from attempting to knockout his opponent in the earlier rounds. Undefeated Tohbaru, who started a pro career at the age of 24 last year had scored seven knockouts in eight wins, but his showing this night proved that he possessed a fighting spirit. Sato, ex-national champ and KO artist who had sent 18 men in 25 wins to dreamland, was obviously ahead on points midway in the game, however he revealed a lack of his usual good condition.

Stocky bantam Hiroyuki Tanaka, 118, scored well with a positive combo, winning a decision from Yuji Kirokawa, 117, in eight heats. Chuji Muto, 111¾, battered Shinobu Tomeoka, 112, lopsidedly to be awarded a KO win in the fifth round, when the third man saved the latter from further punishment. Chuji is a pupil of Fighting Harada.

▲A double tenner resulted in upset decisions.

Harbar Watanabe, JBC's top junior welterweight contender, appeared for the first time since he wsas KOed from Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama in May, and lost to Noboru Hatakeyama, No. 4 welterweight, over 10 rounds. Both tipped the beam at 140 pounds, the limit of the junior welterweight class.

Another upset was tabbed by Puma Mitsuya, 107¾ also, in 10 busy rounds.

▲Manila, Philippines fans watched Tiger Osano, of Japan, flattened by the national flyweight champ, Orlando Javierto, in the second round.

▲After Masashi Kudo's scheduled crack at the Orient middleweight title was cancelled by Yuh Jae-Do, of Korea, the unbeaten Japanese engaged in a nontitle tenner with Kazuhiro Horiguchi, 160½, at the Korakuen Hall. Regarded as a prohibitive favorite, however, Kudo bled profusely from the second round on, and was forced to win the hard way over a 10 round decision. Horiguchi, taller ex-Shinjin-o winner, was a 29-year-old guy who returned to action after a five year layoff and decisioned Minoru Ono in 10 heats this May. Kudo, 161 pounds, had beaten 12 men with 7 KOs after being discharged from Japan's Self Defense. Kudo, national middleweight champ, outjabbed the slower Horiguchi, punched him with a solid one-two and stepped back to await an opportunity of counterpunching. He was in command in the second, fifth, and from the eighth to tenth rounds. It was Horiguchi's durability that amazed some 1,500 witnesses, as he refused to go down in spite of the lopsided proceedings.

In a semi windup, clever and crafty Kiyoshi Kazama, 134¾, battered Yukio Sasaki, 134½, into a bloody mess, so the latter retired midway in the seventh session. Kazama, former amateur ringster of Senshu Univ., utilized a sharper left so as to dominate the four rounds before the stoppage. A head collision happened in round five when Sasaki received a bad cut on the head.

In a bantam six, Kohsuke Araki lost to Hayato Koito, after they repeated a see-saw exchange of rough blows.

▲Lefty puncher, Go Mifune, 118 pounds, dropped Yasuo Nakajima, 117¾, with one solid lefty in an opening canto and was awarded a TKO win due to the latter's bleeding after two minutes in the fourth.

Another tenner was a hard-fought bout, with Akiyoshi Ogino and Koji Hitomi, both scaling at 140 pounds, in a two-fisted pier six brawl, until the latter hit the deck thrice and was out in the eighth round. Ogino in a non-stop rally upset Tohru Sugawara by dropping him on five occasions in the previous bout showed his power punching, toughness and lack of defensive science. This victory upped 23-year-old Ogino's record to 11 wins including 8 KOs against two defeats.

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▲Why such a card like this was presented by a promoter was a common question by 1,500 spectators at the Korakuen Hall, where Orient welterweight champ Ryu Sorimachi toyed with Hiroshi Katohno and too easily finished the youngster in the sixth round of an overweight match. Ryu's title was not at stake.

In a semi-final tenner, another mismatch was witnessed by the crowd, as Futaro Tanaka, JBC's top contender in the junior featherweight class, shook up Hirobumi Miki, 121½, repeatedly and dominated every round to floor him three times in the fourth round. It was a quite easy win for Futaro, who scored well with a long right to the southpaw's chin. Miki's weakness consisted in that sharp-edged jaw, which was battered time and again up to the fatal trick. Futaro, 122 pounds, had been outscored by Yum Dong-Kyun, Orient junior featherweight boss, in Osaka last year.

▲A double national title competition delux card was presented at the Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Tetsuo (Lion) Furuyama, a southpaw, weighing 140 pounds, showed his vaunted right hook and proved too much for Yohi Arai, half a pound lighter, in gaining a shutout decision over ten rounds.

Arai, JBC's No. 2 junior welterweight, was overpowered by the sturdy Furuyama, whose precision was impressive enough to cause the praise of experts.

In the first tenner, Tamio Negishi, 133, kept the JBC lightweight title by stopping Yasushi Yajima, former champ at 134¾, in the tenth and final round. In their previous encounter in July, Negishi had wrested the title by a disputed hairline nod from the younger champ in Tokyo. This time Negishi bored in gamely from the start to avoid Yajima's better counterpunching. The shorter Nagishi, slightly ahead on points, caught Yajima with an overhand right at the opponent's button, then it was over.

It was not amazing that Yuh Jae-Do, Korea's ex-world champ, retained the Orient middleweight title for the sixteenth time, nor that he was held to a 12-round draw by Filipino old soldier Alberto Cruz, but that Yuh could come back from a repeated injury, which had caused a cancellation of a scheduled defense against Japan's titlist Masashi Kudo in August. Yuh's reported dull defense took place at Changchung Gymnasium, Korea.

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JOHNSON, BROOKS STIR STRIP FIGHT FANS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Las Vegas — Vonzell Johnson and Budda Brooks gave the fans double their money's worth in the main event at the Strip Fight of the Week.

And the preliminaries on the early October card provided crowd-roaring excitement as well.

Brooks, 170, of San Diego, lasted five rounds against the heavily-favored Johnson. Vonzell, 173, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was clearly in command from the opening bell . . . and his his opponent with every conceivable punch and combination. However, the amazingly tough Budda would not go down—until a staggering short left in the fifth round caught him unawares.

In the preliminaries, Greg Coverson, a dynamic 128-pound junior lightweight, put on the show of the evening as he demolished Angel Soto, 130, at 2:50 of the second round.

Coverson hit Soto with clever combinations off a sharp left jab. Soto tried to offset the jabs with power rights—but to no avail. The knockout cost Soto the first loss of his professional career.

Coverson's record is now 5-0—and his career promises to be one of the most exciting in the lightweight divisions.

In a second prelim, Billy Marsh, 155, was hit almost at will by Andre Beard, 159½. The aging Marsh, whose license was recently re-instated, was badly out of shape after a 3-year layoff. Billy was cut so badly around both eyes that ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo stopped the fight at the end of the third round.

In a six-round card-opener featuring junior middleweights, Armando Alatore, 159, of Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Wally Rambeau, 154, of Las Vegas.

Rambeau began offensively . . . but trailed off after the first round. A cut under Alatore's left eye proved to be no handicap . . . as he continued to pound and stagger his opponent throughout the bout.

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BOBICK CHOPS CHUCK

By JIM LEO

Utica, N.Y. — With the Main Event Boxing Corp., the local promoters, and Don King Productions, Utica, brought in 4th ranking heavyweight contender, the undefeated Duane Bobick, to meet ranking Chuck Wepner.

Bobick, the Bowlus, Minn., native, and now out of Philadelphia, under the Eddie Futch-Joe Frazier management team with a 36-0 record, faced his toughest test in the Bayonne brawler Wepner. Bobick, at 218, looked impressive in the televised battle as he exchanged with Chuck, at 224, and then made Wepner a victim via a sixth round technical knockout. Duane, hitting in the body early and then switching to strong left hooks to the head, bloodied Chuck's nose and inflicted damaging cuts above both eyes. Wepner still showed a dangerous right hand, keeping Duane on guard, but the well-conditioned Bobick's two-fisted attack eventually took its toll on the tough veteran New Jersey battler. Referee Harold Valan stopped the bout at 1:12 of the sixth with Wepner cut and bloodied in the bruising battle.

In the 10-round semifinal, ranking lightweight contender Edwin Viruet, 138, New York, scored a unanimous decision over Ricky Camorra, 140, of Lowell, Mass. Viruet, who had traveled the distance with champion Roberto Duran, showed plenty of moves and clever boxing ability. Camorra, the underdog, put up a fine battle and received the plaudits of the Utica crowd.

In a six-rounder, Tony Stokes, 118, of New York, stopped Ben Ali, 114, of New York, at 2:22 of the fourth, with Ali too much on the receiving end.

In another six rounder, Greg Sorrentino, 199, Syracuse, making his second start in a week, decisioned Johnny Warr, of New York, 194. Sorrentino, handled by Carmen Basilio, is now 4-0-1.

In a four rounder, Rocky Mastifia, 158, Providence, R.I., decisioned Benjii Goldstone, 154, out of Albany.

In the opening four, Arcadio Peppy Suarez, 140, New York City, with a 5-0 record, KO'd debuting Tom McGillicott, 139, of Sidney, N.Y., at 2:38 of the first round.

Unable to obtain the War Memorial due to a previous booking by Jehovah's Witnesses, Johnny Abdou and Sal Spina, of Main Event, used the Utica College Gym for the excellent show. The smaller arena packed in 2500 fans. Utica fans are being treated to some fine heavyweight action with George Foreman, Ron Lyle, and then Duane Bobick in top action bouts. Former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier was on hand at the Bobick-Wepner bout and proved to be very popular with the crowd.

▲**Scranton, Pennsylvania** — Irish Mike Quarry, 176, now boxing out of Orlando, Florida, pounded out a unanimous decision win over Eddie "Redtop" Owens, 178, of Springfield, Massachusetts, in the main event ten rounder. Mike used his clever boxing ability and good jabs in holding Owens off. Quarry jabbed, hooked and danced his way to the decision over Redtop, who earlier had predicted a KO. Owens had come off a good win over Pedro Soto. Quarry is now 58-7-2. Scores were 49-42, 48-44, and 47-44.

In an abbreviated semi eight-rounder, Larry "Socko" Stanton, Long Island, 136, stopped Quenton Blackman, 135, of Philadelphia, after 2:59 of the opening round. Stanton, the Garden City Islander, dropped his foe twice, prompting the halt.

In a six-rounder, Ernest Bing, 131, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, scored a second rount TKO win over Ralph Racine, 134, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Racine had gone down for an eight count and after he was still taking punishment, a halt was called after 1:28 into the second.

Popular Jerry Foley, 186, West Scranton, KO'd Alex Carr, 191, Hartford, Connecticut, at 2:34 of the third round of a scheduled four rounder.

In the opening four-rounder, Al Yasbeck, 183, a Temple University student, won a decision over Ed Phillips, 181, of Stamford, Connecticut.

The card of boxing for the PJ Boxing Club, with Paul Ruddy matchmaker, drew a crowd of 1400 who paid in $6100.

▲**At Syracuse, New York**, former middleweight boxer Hugo Bonacci and veteran boxing handler Billy Harris are doing fine work with their Syracuse Amateur Boxing Club, putting on programs and working with the boys in the gym.

▲**Syracuse, N.Y.** — The Muhammad Ali-Kenny Norton title bout was close circuited into Loes's State Theater, here on S. Salina St. The event also marked the close of the theater. Ali, and Norton brought the final curtain down.

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GOLDEN BANANA SLIPS AWAY

By Don Hamill

Only one pro boxing show graced the New England scene during the past month. It was the swan song of the weekly shows at The Golden Banana, a nightclub in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Billy Duquette, 157, Brockton, eked out an extremely close eight-round split decision over Joe Grady, 162, New York. After a see-saw battle of four rounds in which Grady was the aggressor and Duquette countering, Duquette appeared to have tired and was unable to hold off the strong New Yorker. Billy dug deep into his resources and came up with a rally for the final two sessions to edge Grady. The fans were divided in their acceptance of the decision.

Dick Ecklund, 140, Lowell, garnered a split decision over former New Bedfordite Mike Michaud, 146, New York. The fleet-footed Ecklund handed the aggressive Michaud a boxing lesson but Michaud finished stronger.

Jimmy Corkum, 142, Brockton, scored a lop-sided six-round unanimous decision over Jimmy Bogart, 140, New York. In another six spot, Tony (PeeWee) Stokes, 124, New York, took every round in winning handily over Seymour Sheppard, 128, Hartford. Muhammed Smith, 170, Natchez, Miss., punched Chris Sarno, 178, Brockton, into submission in the second round of the four-round curtain-raiser.

▲Jesus Alicea, Holyoke, Massachusetts, welterweight who boxed professionally from 1960 to 1975, was found dead in his home. He was 37 years old. He was all for improving the lot of his countrymen and frequently quelled irresponsible acts by some of them. He learned a trade and held a good job as a machinist. . . .Billy Kowalczyk of East Hampton, Conn., is coming out with a boxing magazine covering the New England states.

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DE GUZMAN AND DIAMALE ● KNOCKOUT THEIR OPPONENTS ●

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Lucena City—Pedro Adigue, 147, welterweight champion of the Philippines, drew with Gideon Toyogon, 146, leading contender of the welterweight class. It was for the first time that a title fight in this city that ended so early in the bout. Both boys started the bout with the intention of beating each other. Two bulls had been loose inside the ring. While infighting their heads collided and Toyogon received a big cut in the forehead in the second round. Upon the advice of the stadium physician Toyogon was unfit to continue. So the decision was a draw. A bad night for promoter Felimon Vasquez.

Cebu City—Ric Diamale, 122, halted Buddy Dayagonon, 121, in the 2nd round. They were in even terms when Diamale caught Buddy with a right to the jaw ending the night. James Clavilaz, 134, won over Art "Baby" Alcantara, 135, in 10 rounds. The pair was evenly matched but Clavelaz had the edge.

Davao City—Philip Tagupa, 110, Junior Flyweight champion of the islands drew with Demetrio Alferez, 109, in 10 rounds. It was a non-title bout and promoted by Agustin Garcia. Demetrio had made a good account of himself by fighting the champion in even terms and a rematch is in the future.

San Fernando—Dony Soriano, 131, had upset Ramon Elorde, 131, the Philippine junior lightweight champion. It can not be denied that Dony was the master of the heavy favorite Elorde. Montemayor Jr., 129, won over Danny Basa, 127, in the supporting main event of 10 rounds.

Cabanatuan City—Dan de Guzman, 140, kayoed Solomon Garson, 139, in the 5th round of a scheduled 10. Solomon was the junior welter champion of the Philippines and although it was not a title bout the champion was kayoed. I wonder what the GAB will say to this event.

Davao City—James Clavilaz, 132, outpointed Ramon Elorde, 131, who like his brother Flash Elorde has held the junior lightweight title. For the whole 10 rounds Clavilaz beat Ramon to the punch. Promoter Agustin Garcia was satisfied with the decision and so were the fans.

Manila—Little Gallego, 135, beat Fred Pastor, 135, the former Oriental lightweight champion in 10 rounds at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum. Two veterans meeting inside the ring with the same weight is something worth seeing. The promoter Memorta Besa was the former president of the Philippine Boxing Association so he knows the caliber of each and every boxer in town.

Noli Garcia, 145, defeated veteran Fel Pedranza, 146, in another 10 rounder. Pedranza was losing in the preceeding rounds so he tried to even the terms in the last stanzas but to no avail.

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CANADIAN CHAMP UPSET

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal—the main event on a card held at the Paul Sauve Arena and attracting some 2500 fans featured Doanto Paduano (Montreal), 157½, against Frank Davila (Lowell) over ten rounds. This was a far from exciting bout which saw Paduano win a unanimous decision over ten rounds.

There were no knockdowns in the bout and only at times did Paduano show flashes of his former brilliance against a run-of-the-mill club fighter. The officials called it 50-44, 49-46 and 49-43 in favor of the Montreal boxer. Davila ran his record to 9-34-3.

It was the co-feature that completely stole the show when Jean Lapointe (Montreal), 131¾, taking part in his seventh pro bout stayed with Barry Sponagle (New Glasgow), 138¼, the Canadian Lightweight champion, and ended up the winner on a split decision. Sponagle, with fifty-eight pro bouts, failed to take control of the bout and after a nervous start, Lapointe more than held his own. Despite a late rally by the champion he was unable to make up any lost ground against Lapointe who was boxing with great confidence. The officials called it 49-44 and 49-47 for Lapointe while a third official scored it 50-49 for Sponagle, and to arrive at that total he had tabbed nine rounds as even giving the champion only one round in the fight on a 5-4 score.

In six-round bouts Daniel Levesque (Montreal), 158½, KO'd Buddy Carr (Lowell) at 2:47 of the opening round. This was a big letdown for the fans as Carr folded with the first clean blow landed and was no match for Levesque who racked up his 26th win in a row. Levesque is ready for better opposition and should graduate to eight and ten round bouts this fall. Ricky Zarbatany (Montreal), 157, showed fine punching power in knocking out Michel Doucet (St. Jean) at 1:24 of the second round. The eighteen-year-old Zarbatany shows lots of promise and could be a future attraction on Montreal fight cards. Avedis Kassabian (Hull), 151, stopped Alain Turenne (Montreal), 152½, at 1:34 of the fourth round.

▲**Halifax** — At the annual meeting of the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation held in this City, Ron Hayter (Edmonton) was elected President of the Federation when Dr. J. LaRoche (Montreal) who had been president for five years stepped down. Don Kerr (Halifax) was elected Vice President. Frank Allnutt (Ontario) was elected Sec. Treas. for the third year in a row. The Federation has made rapid strides in the past three years, and with representation across Canada and Commissions working in unity have been the big factors in increased attendance in fight cards held in Canada. Very stringent rules will be carried out on all imported fighters to Canada these will include up-to-date license to be held by the boxer from his area and recent complete medical reports including a head test. 'Mixed matches' between boxers and wrestlers will not be permitted in any Commissioned area in Canada. Any boxer taking part in such contests will be suspended.

▲**Shediac** — Returning to ring action for the first time since losing the Canadian middleweight title to Fernand Marcotte Jr., Lawrence Hafey (Stellarton), 147, had a tough ten-round bout to win a unanimous decision over Roland Cousins (New York), 153. The bout was fought on even terms and it was Hafey's aggressiveness that gave him the nod on all three official cards. It was Cousin's 12th pro appearance and a rematch between the two would be a good addition to any fight card.

Over six rounds Ulysse Doiron (Moncton), 157, won a unanimous decision over George Jenkins (New York), 152, in a good action bout. Jenkins was a sub for Buddy Carr (Lowell) who had been KO'd two weeks before in Montreal. Trevor Berwick (Halifax), 195, stopped Wayne Martin (Shediac), 186, at the twenty second mark of the fifth round. Martin was decked for an eight count in the fourth round and had a very bad cut over the right eye when the referee halted the bout. It was Berwick's first pro bout.

Wayne Cormier (Moncton), 138, stopped George Moore (New York), 134, at 1:40 of the third round of a scheduled six.

▲**Quebec City** — Close to 3500 fans turned out to witness a fine action bout with Canadian middleweight champion Fernand Marcotte Jr. (Montreal), 155, retaining his championship with a unanimous decision win over the always popular Gary Broughton (Brantford), 158. Showing good form the champion scored throughout the bout with clean crisp punching, and he kept the pressure on his always dangerous opponent who has the power to take out an opponent with a clean punch. There were no knockdowns in the bout, and at the end of twelve rounds the officials called it 57-54, 58-51 and 59-48, all in favor of the champion.

Claude Gauthier (Quebec), 160, KO'd Joe Houston (Lowell), 157, at the 2:40 mark of the fifth round of their middleweight bout. Also at the middleweight limit Avadis Casabien (Hull), 153, and Raymond Rousseleau, 153, drew at the end of six. Rick Zarbatany (Montreal), 158, won the decision over Jean Guy Binette (Qebec), 155. Terry Summerhays (Brantford), 148, won the decision over Ron Petitgrew (Buffalo), 149.

▲**Toronto** — Eighteen-year-old Nicky Furlano, 134, made his pro debut a winning one by scoring a split decision over Danny Stokes, 133. Both boys box out of Toronto. The fast-moving Furlano pleased the 800 fans in attendance with his good footwork and flurries of blows to the head and body of his opponent.

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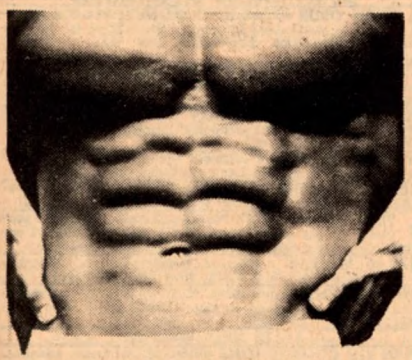

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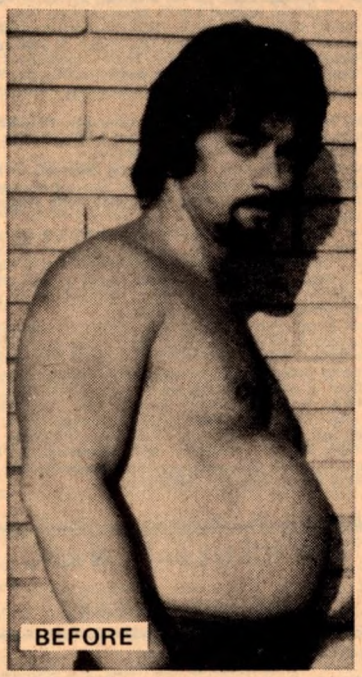

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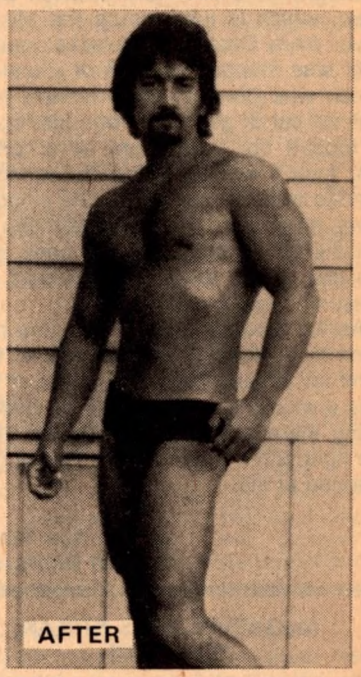

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PUNCH LINES

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says I was mismatched; being from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; being battered and stopped in round four. All of this information is false. I don't think I was mismatched, and I'm from Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is just across the Missouri River from Omaha, Nebraska; and the fight was stopped at 1:19 of round five, which was done to save Norton as he was all out of gas and I was just starting to loosen up. I was tight as a *"drum."* HA. True, I was cut in the first round and blinded most of the fight by the blood, but I was never hurt and I kept taunting Norton the whole fight. Had he been cut in the first round, the outcome would have been different, I'm sure.

As for Howard Cosell, who has never been in a dressing room except to interview an athlete, he made it sound like I was a whipping boy and had no business being there. I saw a slow motion film of the fight and it sure isn't like Cosell made it sound at all.

Ron Stander
Council Bluffs, Iowa

McGARVEY RUNS STREAK TO THIRTY

By JIM McCLOY

Wilmington, Delaware — J. Russell Peltz's second show of the year at Fournier Hall proved a fistic success. Only one bout on the card lasted the distance.

In the main event, Ron McGarvey, Hillcrest Heights, Maryland, junior lightweight, extended his unbeaten streak to thirty, twenty by knockout, when he TKO'd Natalio Jiminez of the Dominican Republic at 1:10 of the sixth round. The two put on a fine boxing exhibition in the early rounds. However, McGarvey's reach advantage and stiff, accurate punches caught up with Jiminez and referee Hank Cisco stopped the affair. Jiminez's corner and the fans thought the end was called prematurely.

In the semi-final scheduled for eight, up-and-coming middleweight Rudy Donato, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dropped the veteran Dave Dittmar, Philadelphia, with a vicious right in the sixth round. Dittmar managed to beat the count, but was unable to continue at 1:44 of the round.

Heavyweight Joe Barbizzi, Wilmington, Delaware, charged out at the opening bell throwing shots from every angle at giant James Yarborough, Chester, Pennsylvania. Barbizzi knocked Yarborough down quickly and then pinned him in the corner. The referee stopped it in 51 seconds of the first.

Ray Davis, Atlantic City, N.J. threw too many punches for Greg Hackett, Chester, Pa. and TKO'd him in 1:40 of the sixth, Hackett was down three times. They're middleweights.

Dan Snyder, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, outslugged Kevin Moefield, Philadelphia, in winning a four-round middleweight bout.

In the bantamweight opener Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, made it four in a row as a pro when Larry Huffin, Atlantic City, was unable to answer the bell for round four.

Wilmington, Delaware — Pro boxing returned to Fournier Hall aftger an absence of a year and a half, as successful Philadelphia promoter J. Russell Peltz staged his first local card.

In the main event undefeated bantamweight Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa., ran his streak to 17 as he pounded out a one sided decision over Sergio Reyes, Laredo, Tex. The shorter Chocolate hit Reyes almost at will, with the latter suffering a cut of the left eye in the fourth round which bothered him for the duration of the affair.

Ernest Bing, Atlantic, N.J., and Ron Branch, New Castle, Del., slugged it out for five rounds, until Brnach was unable to answer the bell for the final round because of cuts. Both are lightweights. Branch fought here often as an amateur, but has done most of his pro boxing out of state. Alphonso Evans, Phila., Pa., won a unanimous decision over Alvaro Reyes, Phila., Pa., over eight. Featherweights Mike Brown, Wilmington, Del., made short work of Bob Byrd, Kirkwood, Del., by TKOing him at 2:02 of the first. Heavyweights Rudy Donato, Phila., Pa., took a six round unanimous decision from Ray Davis, Atlantic City, N.J., Middleweights.

BOB FOSTER BACK IN RING

By TOMMY LEFEBRE

Pro boxing returned to Spokane.

The card was headlined by Bob Foster, and the fans were treated to three ten rounders and two fours. Foster, 181½, met Al "Sugar" Bolden, 182, of Pittsburgh in one ten rounder. Foster's sharp left jabs set up Bolden in the fourth round when a quick right hand dropped him for an eight count, Bolden arose and gave Foster a good fight of it till 2:14 of the sixth when a hard Foster jab set up Bolden, followed by a hard right which dropped Bolden for the full count.

"Irish" Pat Duncan of Spirit Lake, Idaho, won a split decision over Terry Daniels of Dallas, Texas, in an action packed bout that saw both fighters hurt, Daniels also suffered a head butt. Duncan weighed 204 and Daniels 194.

In the last 10 rounder, Marvin Camel, 174, Missoula Mont. dec. John Townsend, 176, Milwaukee, Wisc. Camel's reach was a deciding factor plus the fact Townsend seemed tight and couldn't get untracked. In the fours: Ken Camel fought a draw with Larry Ward of Milwaukee, Wisc. Camel weihged 161¼, Ward 162. Many of the fans felt Ward won.

Spokane's Tony Ferraro, making his pro debut at 127¼, also drew with Steve Crowe of Poitet, Wisc. in the curtain raiser. The decision was booed by the Spokane fans as they felt Crowe deserved the decision. Gene Fulmer was guest referee, Jim McClennehan was the promoter, and 850 to 900 hundred attended the best fight card held in spokane in many years.

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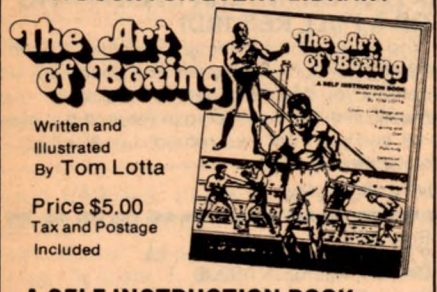

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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There was very little of note to record in the actual boxing. Both jabbed accurately on the infrequent occasions when they landed, and Thomas shook his man with right crosses in the later rounds.

Former British champion Des Morrison, St. Ives, 140, won the vacant Southern Area light-welter title by beating Colin Powers, Paddington, 137½, the bout being stopped in the fifth with Powers taking punishment on the ropes.

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Again, I don't argue the point. Because I know what I know. I know that a prudent person who has a few dollars to spend can make a very handsome living at the track — with my secret, strictly — and I'll argue *that* point with anybody!

My secret is simple. So simple, in fact, that I am sure some of the so-called racing "experts" will sneer at my method *without* even investigating it. After all, that's human nature. But really, I don't feel bad . . . *why should I?* I have what they don't have . . . what no one has. The *secret* to a machine that virtually *prints money!*

I call my secret "The System of the Century." If you've never played the horses before (in fact, if you've never even been to a race track!), you'll be astounded at the simplicity of this logical, common-sense way to pick winners that return $10, $20, and even $50 bills for a mere $2 wager.

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Of course, if you're a regular horseplayer, "The System of the Century" will have even greater appeal. How many times have you spent *hours* pouring over a single race, doping out every detail, figuring every angle . . . only to find that the horse you picked to begin with — and decided against for some reason even *you* can't remember — romped home an easy winner? (And paid a whopping $60!) Or how about the time your brother-in-law talked you off that horse you knew would win — and did!

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HART RETIRES IN CORNER

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — We may have seen the last of local slugger Eugene "Cyclone" Hart. He quit in his corner after eight rugged rounds, leaving "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler a winner via a ninth-round TKO at the Spectrum.

It was a disgraceful ending to an otherwise exciting middleweight bout. Hart was tired and trailing on points but had rallied in the eight, a fact that makes his refusal to continue even more disturbing.

Hart's surrender should take nothing away from a fine performance on the part of Hagler. The lefthander from Brockton, Mass., was winning the fight with smart boxing and snappy counters.

Hagler, 160, dropped Hart, 161, with a straight left to the chops in the third. He continued to outbox the Philadelphian in the fourth and fifth in spite of Hart's dirty tactics.

Referee Tom Reed took a point away from the Cyclone when he tried to sneak punch Hagler after the bell ending the fifth.

Hart looked better in the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds. He was very weary but managed to land his dangerous left hook a number of times. It ook everybody by surprise when Hart refused to come forward and do battle in the ninth. His cornermen pleaded with the 24 year old but it was hopeless.

I believe that the punishment Hart received in his two fights with Bennie Briscoe just about finished him as a live fighter. It was sad to see the once very popular Cyclone booed out of the ring by his hometown fans. Nobody likes a quitter.

South Philly's Mike Everett, 137, won a unanimous ten rounder over Dale Hernandez of Des Moines, Iowa.

Everett was not at his best. After shaking Hernandez in the opening round with a hard right, he was content to lay back and counter most of the night. These tactics made for a boring one sided bout. Hernandez could not match reflexes with Everett and seemed too awed to try mixing it up.

Hernandez, 136, came out of his shell the last two rounds and the two finally gave the crowd of 3,564 something to cheer about. They slugged it out with both men landing a number of clean head shots.

Unbeaten light heavy Marvin Johnson made an exciting Philadelphia debut with a crunching first-round TKO over local Wayne Magee.

Johnson, now fighting out of Philly, was hurt early when Magee tagged him a couple of right hands to the face. The Olympic Bronze medalist fought back and dropped Magee with a series of punches topped off with a ripping left hook. The brave Magee got up but was in no condition to continue.

Southpaw Johnson, who came in two pounds lighter at 176, is now 12- with 11 KO's. He should have no trouble getting work in this punch happy town.

Transplanted Californian Marty Monroe, 198½, outscored Rany Mack, 219, over eight good rounds of action.

Mack was down from a right hand in the first but got up to give Monroe all the fight he could handle. Monroe rightfully got the nod but Mack won the hearts of the fans with his gutsy showing.

Lefty Dan Snyder, 157, decisioned Jackie Thornton, 165½, in a four and William "Red" Berry, 125, outpointed Dan Tratzinski, 122½, over eight boring rounds to close the card. Tratzinski is Marvin Hagler's half brother but it did him no good against the fast stepping Berry.

▲Arena — Philadelphia heavyweight contender Jimmy Young scored an easy second-round TKO over mismatched Lou Rogan of West Virginia. It was Young's first start since losing a close decision to Ali in their title clash.

After a do-nothing first round, Young, a pudgy 211, decked Rogan with a right to the top of the head in the second. Rogan got up but was promptly floored again by a left hook. Once more Lou regained his feet before referee Hank Cisco had mercy on both Rogan and the fans and stopped it at 2:09.

Rogan, 193, should not have been in the same ring with Young. Perhaps that is why only 1,500 showed up for promoter Barry McCall's show.

In an entertaining 8-rounder Mike Kornicki edged Joe Gholston. Gholston, 196, started well as he attacked with hooks to the body and jabs to the head. Kornicki came on the second half when Joe tired. The nod in favor of the 201 pound Kornicki should have gone the other way in this reporter's opinion.

Ali Perez, 166, won every round of his six with old man Domingo Ortiz, 169. Ali put on a show and Ortiz was the perfect foil. Both men were cut, Ortiz by punches and Ali by a butt. Billy "The Kid" Able, 130, took a sixth round TKO over Eddie Ortiz, 120, of New York. Ortiz was boxing Able's ears off until he ran out of gas and was stopped by body punches in the final round.

Kevin Abney, 146, decisioned Daryl Lampkin over four rounds in another prelim. Abney forced the fight all the way but could not catch his man.

The promotion was televised by United CATV Network.

ROSS TKO'S DONOVAN IN SEVENTH

By BRUCE TRAMPLER

Orlando — It was only a late substitute semifinal 10-rounder, but world ranked junior middleweight Irish Gene Wells was upset in a monumental stunner by unheralded Emmett Atlas of Monroe, Louisiana, at the Sports Stadium.

The main event saw Southern junior middleweight King Edgar (Mad Dog) Ross, 156, Orlando, survive a badly cut left eye to pound out a seventh-round TKO over Matt Donovan, 161, Trinidad, West Indies.

Ross dropped Donovan in round three, the same session that the lanky veteran butted Mad Dog and inflicted a two-inch gash. Enraged by the damage, Ross shifted into higher gear and mercilessly ripped brutal combinations to the West Indian's body.

For the next several rounds, it was Ross' savage pounding to Donovan's midsection that dominated the action. The crowd cried for Mad Dog to do away with the invader before the cut eye forced a stoppage, and Ross obliged by sending Donovan to the canvas twice in the seventh, causing referee Jack Blake to intervene.

Ross is now 37-1-1, 28 KOs.

For statistics freaks, Ross has now won 14 fights this year alone, and 19 in a row. His unbeaten streak, including a draw, is up to 29 straight over an 18-month period.

This Mad Dog loves to fight, as often as possible, but the eye injury will sideline Ross about 6 weeks. Credit trainer Dominick Polo and cornerman Joe McKenna with keeping the cut in check. Ross is a quick healer, and not pronte ot cuts, and vowed he would be ready again in a month.

As for the Wells-Atlas match, the fans sat in disbelief. Wells, accustomed to standing ovations and revered by local fans, had an off night.

Wells was about six weeks away from a Frankfurt, Germany, match with Eckhard Dagge, the WBC champion. As promoter Peter Ashlock noted: "Hell, Pipino Cuevas got locked by Andy Price, just before he fought and defeated Angel Espada for the WBA welterweight crown." So the hopes in Orlando are that Wells, who has fought long and well and is a week from his 33rd birthday, will get the match with Dagge yet.

Wells lost on a split decision. Gene must regroup and continue his career. Wells-Atlas replaced a 10-rounder between Vinnie Curto and Raul Aguirre, cancelled when Curto had to pull out to attend his grandmother's funeral in Boston.

Three four-rounders opened the card, and all ended in the second round. Milton Owens, 163, Orlando, stopped Chris Brnatley, 160, Ft. Lauderdale. . .Al Migliorato, 187, Orlando, halted Charles Roberts, 211, Dania, Fla.. . .and Scott (Golden Boy) Clark, 144½, Orlando, flattened Jimmy Germain, 140½, Ft. Lauderdale.

St. Petersburg amateur sensation Ray (Razor) Rosenberg scored his second local win, kayoing Shotgun Robinson of Blackshear, Ga., in the opening session. The amateur opener saw Tommy Land, Eustis junior middleweight, nip Ray Morin of Melbourne.

GACIC MIXED WORDS IN NINE

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Cleveland Results — Casey Gacic, 165, Parma, TKOed John Words, 174, Kansas City, at 50 seconds of the 9th round."

Tony Johnson, 134, Cleveland won a 6 round decision over Marion Thomas, 136, Indiana. Tommy May, 156, Youngstown KOed Norman Thompson, 155, Indianapolis in 31 seconds of the 1st.

Harold Carter, 190, Cleveland, KOed Bill Jackson, 230, Indianapolis at 1.03 of the 1st.

Paul Markum, 132, Cleveland KOed Billy Wild, 136, Indianapolis at 2.01 of the 1st.

Bobby O'Niel, 159, Wierton, W.Va., won on a TKO over Jimmy Claar, 159, Indianapolis at 2.14 of the 5th.

▲Burty Hays, 167, Parkersburg, W.Va., KOed Luther Wade, 166, Grundy, Va. in the 5th round at Cambridge, Ohio. This was the top bout on a pro-am card. Ten amateur bouts completed the card.

▲Doyle Baird, Akron, a former ranking middleweight, will be inducted into the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies held at the plush Tangier Restaurant. Baird now is employed by the Akron Beacon-Journal in the circulation department. He is also making a name for himself as a trainer. His amateur team took top honors in last year's Akron Golden Gloves Tournament. He also trains two professional boxers—Ohio Welter Champ Fate Davis and featherweight Otto Palfy.

▲The boycott of Soctron Boxing by the Cleveland newspapers is causing local boxing people much concern. Ed Sweeny is a well respected business man. He has always supported both amateur and professional boxing. He is a credit to not only boxing but to any sports endeavor he has ever been connected with. His honesty and fairness is well known to sports enthusiasts all over the country. He certainly deserves better from his home town papers.

▲Manager Frank Luca has promised us that Earnie Shavers will soon defend his Ohio heavyweight title against one of the states better heavyweights. The list includes Charlie Johnson, Alliance, Billy Joiner, Cincinnati, Fred Jones, Columbus, or Mel Turnbow, Cincinnati. We hope to close the State Title match for Alliance early in 1977.

▲Basil Brangham, Huntington, West Virginia, Manager and Trainer, has a fine young prospect in light heavyweight, Mayfield Pennington, who hails from Pikeville, Kentucky. Basil also handles John Loudenbaugh, a good 135 pound battler.

▲Alliance Results — Promoters Clarence Johnson and John McCafferty. Attendance—1164 paid.

Charlie Johnson, 205, Alliance KOed Big Jess Clark, 216, Columbus at 1.02 of the 2nd, Gary Alexander, 170, Alliance won a hairline decision over Mayfield Pennington, 169, Pikeville, Ky. in 8 rounds; Bobby Plegge, 138, Salem won a 6 round decision over John Loudenbaugh, 136, Huntington, W.Va. and Thomico Sacco, 163, Alliance won a 4 round decision from Ernie Witt, 162, Akron.

Three amateur bouts completed the card.

▲Sonny O'Day, Montana Boxing Commission Chairman, at one time boxed under the management of the late Joe Basco of Barberton, Ohio. Sonny was billed as "The Kid From Meaderville." He owns and operates a plush lounge at Laurel, Montana.

▲At Cleveland — Gary Summerhays, 174 Brantford, Ont., won an unanimous 10 round decision over Smokey Joe Middleton, 178, Baltimore; Ron Pettigrew, 142, won a 6 round decision from John Summerhays, 137, Brantford; Terry Summerhays, 150 Brantford, won on a TKO over Gene Ellington, 147, who was unable to come out for round five. (Badly cut left eye.)

Billy Whipple, 125, Youngstown won a 4 round split decision over Alberto Collazo, 126, Pittsburg; Wes "Indian" Rowe, 178, Brantford, won a 4 round decision over Ted Paxton, 172; Rodney "Tiger" Cupe, 161, Columbus, won a 4 round decision from Tommy May, 158, Youngstown; Paul Markum, 130, KOed Tom "Kid" Casey, 136, Pittsburg, in the first round.

SCOTT FLOORS ABLEMAN 5 TIMES TO END FIGHT

By RUGGLES LARSON

Everett, Washington — Ibar Arrington floored Bruce Scott five times in four minutes and seven seconds, forcing referee Jackie Ableman to halt the one sided scheduled ten round main event at the Everett Rollerfair before 1,100 fans. The second round TKO victory boosted Ibar's professional record to 19-1-1.

Arrington weighed 201, the heaviest of his career, for his fourth hometown appearance. Scott, the transplanted Txan now fighting out of Seattle, weighed 180, for the Joe Toro Jr. Promotion which grossed $5,300.

Willie Baldwin, 154, Seattle, TKO'd Eugene White, 153, Tacoma, in the seventh round of a companion ten rounder. Larry Smith, 148, Tacoma, continued his winning ways by registering a third round TKO over Daryl Penn, 146, Portland, Ore. Although Smith was leading in the six rounder, the bout was abbreviated when Penn injured his right hand. Sonny Campbell, 175, Seattle, won a unanimous decision over George Perez, 176, Everett, in four rounds.

▲Portland, Oregon — Ray Lampkin, Portland's world ranked lightweight contender, scored a close, but unanimous ten round decision over Brooks Byrd, 134, Clovis, New Mexico, at the Multnomah County Exposition Center. Lampkin had difficulty in catching Byrd in the early going, but built up a lead through aggressiveness. Byrd changed his tactics in the ninth round and landed some telling right hands. Byrd won the final round by scoring consistently with his right hand.

After a brilliant amateur career, Tom Sullivan of Portland made a successful professional debut by kayoing Paul Guynie, 174, Eugene, Ore., at 2:10 of the second round. Curtis Ramsey, 135, Portland, scored a unanimous six round decision over Danny Alameda, 134, Montebello, Calif. In the third six rounder on the card, which drew 2,543 fans, Larry Smith, 147, Tacoma, scored an interesting split-decision win over C. J. Brown, 149, Springfield, Ore.

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